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NOTES OF SADNESS

Somehow or other there was a note of sadness in the news that Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey Circus—long called "The Greatest Show on Earth," has folded its big "top" and gone to Winter quarters in Florida.

It is especially sad when we think of the thousands of children deprived of a fleeting one-day thrill of watching the fun-making clowns, or the lion tamer or the man on the flying trapeze.

There must be a pretty sad outlook for the families of the 1,600 employees, who chose to blindly follow union leaders and put the circus out of business by a strike and thus put themselves out of jobs. The strike was called when the circus proposed a wage cut to avoid closing through bankruptcy. Highly skilled in their work, they have little to look forward to but relief, which adds sadness in still another quarter—the taxpayer.

Any way you look at it the Public ultimately foots the bill for strikes which force closing of enterprises.

Ma Muses

WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL I divided folks into two classes—those who liked dogs and those who didn't. Having an intense love for them, for many years I thought those who didn't were "queer." Time has shown me that it is just "one of those things." Most of our friends happen to be dog-lovers; some of them don't. Their likes or dislikes on the subject do not interfere with our friendships. We do have more in common with the former, however.

LOSING ONE'S DOG is always a family tragedy, particularly when the pet has endeared itself to us for a period of time. Perhaps the best way to ease the ache is to acquire another one as soon as possible. Which brings up the much-discussed questions of size and sex with good points and bad for both male and female, large and small. We are partial to St. Bernards—in somebody else's yard. One or two misplaced footprints in the garden would wreck havoc to the tender young plants. Fine dogs, just the same "THE CORN IS TASSELING OUT!" This news is as thrilling for some of us newer gardeners as would be the presentation of a turkey at holiday-time. Our family dotes on corn roasted over the fire. Husked, fastened firmly on a pointed stick by means of a hole in one end, it must be turned often enough so that all sides are roasted equally. Buttered while hot with extra-salted butter, it is food for the gods.

THE GARDNER IS TRYING OUT the new slug-bait, with gratifying results. We don't know just what the ingredients are but it seems that one of them entices the slugs to come and eat; the other starts Mr. Pest to disintegrate. All one has to do is to gather up the remains the next morning.

TO GO OR NOT TO GO is the question before the house in regard to the vacation-trip. If it were not for the fact that change—even if not completely for the better—is good for all of us, most of those who are so fortunate as to live out of the city would be content to remain on the home-plot. After all, why travel miles to find some place no more attractive than our own, with far less comfort and the added work of preparing for the trip? But, Oh how happy we are to get back—and doesn't everything have an added attraction?

WHEN MABEL PACKS, she always knows, just what to take and why. While just the thought of trunk or bag can make me moan and sigh. Now Mabel takes just what she'll use and seems to choose just right. While I don't ever have such luck—I never guess it, quite.

IF I DECIDE to travel light, there comes a heavy date, for which I have no frock at all and find it out too late. But should I take a dozen hats and shoes and gowns and hose, there's no occasion to dress up in all my lovely clothes.

WHY CAN'T I HAVE the happy knack that Mabel has for knowing just what and which and when to pack, if on a trip I'm going?

BUB BELIEVES size has nothing to do with it. The stout girl he takes out to dinner may prove to have a frail appetite. But when he invited the slender young thing from the next street—Oh, My!

Disabled Citizens Gain In Self-Help Venture

A venture in self-support, inaugurated by a group of Portland's disabled citizens, seems to be well on the road to success, according to William Ames, executive secretary of the Handicapped Citizens' Compensation society, and the moving spirit behind a works project employing 25 handicapped persons at 19 SW Front avenue, Portland.

The project, started last April 11 "without a postage stamp" according to Ames and in the short period to date there has been built up an inventory of rehabilitated saleable articles worth about \$600 and accumulated working equipment worth \$1500.

All persons employed at the establishment must be partially disabled in some respect, according to Ames, who is himself a disabled war veteran, having served in France as a sergeant with the 29th engineers. All manner of disabilities are represented among the personnel.

Thus far payments to the workers is made in the form of merchandise and only supplements regular relief allowance. It is the aim of the enterprise eventually to take its workers off relief Ames said. The leader himself is without relief or pension, in spite of his war disabilities, and his existence since the beginning of the project has been a precarious one.

Thus far not much effort has been devoted to sale of the stock, which is being accumulated, but included in the inventory are repaired stoves, shoes, men's and women's wear of all kinds, books, magazines, beds, furniture pictures, bottles, baby bugles, antiques and miscellaneous useful items.

Membership in the society itself comprises several hundred persons, and bi-monthly meetings of a business, social and educational nature are held.

DROP THAT AX!



Marriage Licenses

Frank Vaughan and Mary E. Reade, Portland.
 Cliff A. Altshin and Clara M. Schmidt, Beaverton.
 Charles C. Warren, Forest Grove.
 Mary C. Callahan, Gaston, route 1.
 Marriage licenses were issued to Frederick L. Thomas, Portland, and Elizabeth I. Tollefsen, Aloha, Ore.
 Marriage licenses were issued to Charles Rosechen, route 1, Oswego, Or., and Jeanette E. Beaudoin route 1 Tigard Oregon.

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