

BARNUM & BAILEY ARE COMING

Greatest Show on Earth to Be in Medford on August Twenty-nine, for One Performance Only in the Morning.

One performance only, at 10 a. m., Monday, August 29.

Final arrangements have just been completed for the visit to this city of the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth. The date is Monday, August 29, one performance only, at 10 a. m. It will be the same in every particular as that presented in Madison Square Garden, New York City, where this circus opened its season last March.

Added glory attaches to this show because of its new equipment, which cost the management \$3,500,000. Its new parade is described as a marvel of pageantry. Its enlarged menagerie is the center of interest, and the company of 400 world-famous artists presenting the program have brought 100 surprises from Europe. This circus is over 50 years old. It was founded by P. T. Barnum, the father of modern advertising and big circus ideas. Barnum was born 100 years ago. He was over a century ahead of his time. Were he alive today he would still be looked up to as the greatest amusement manager in the world. It was his brilliant mind that made the modern circuses possible. He found the circus a disorganized institution, operated without system, intelligence and not a great deal of integrity. He lifted it up into the fine arts. He established it on the same systematic standards that make railroads a success. When he died his only successors were Jas. A. Bailey and his immediate staff of associates, then young men, who were able to perpetuate his wonderful policy because of long schooling under him.

Bailey has been described as the greatest showman of his day. He grew to be another Barnum. Under his management the world's greatest circus became even greater. No other circus in the world ever dared to attempt the gigantic projects that this genius carried through to success. He took the great show to Europe and Asia. He visited every city of prominence in the old world. Like a rolling ball of snow, it gathered and grew. On its return to America it was a world's fair of ten thousand wonders. Today it has reached a point of size that taxes the railroads to their utmost. It covers 14 acres of ground.

The organization of this year numbers 1280 people, 700 horses, 40 elephants, 30 camels and 1200 wild and semi-domestic animals. It travels on a train exactly 6123 feet in length. This is over one mile. The train has to be handled in five sections. The circus performance is introduced by a new and costly spectacle. The 108 acts that follow begin a new era in circus ideas. All is novelty. Desperado, a rash Frenchman, works on the emotions of spectators by leaping from the dome of the tent and landing on his bare chest on the ground. Jupiter, a magnificent white horse, heightens the excitement by riding to the dome in a balloon and then shooting off a battery of rockets and other fireworks. He takes a beautiful girl with him on his perilous trip.

The latest sensation is the act of the Adonis brothers, who balance on the extreme point of a swaying ship's mast.

Amazement is still increased when Charlie, the First, a chimpanzee, walks to one of the stages and there presents a bicycle and juggling act surpassing in skill the efforts of the best human performer that ever lived. More thrills are given to the audience by the daring leaps and double somersaults of the Siegrist-Silbon aerialists, the Kouyot family of acrobatic equestrians, the high-wire dancing of Victoria Codona and feats of the La Failla company of strongest men in the world. In the menagerie is the only baby giraffe born in America. It would take columns to tell the rest.

BUTTERFLIES FLY HIGH ABOUT CRATER LAKE

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 12.—For the past week at Crater Lake a curious spectacle has been noticed, creating no little interest among the visitors.

A little while before noon almost daily thousands of butterflies start from the east side of the lake and, flying around the rim of the crater, disappear in the west. Those who have seen the flight say that it is beautiful, but they wonder where the butterflies go, for they are not seen to return.

Haskins for health.

WOULD FORM A LARGE AUTO ASS'N

Call is issued for Meeting in Seattle at Which Time a Western Automobile Association Is to Be Formed With Local Branches.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 12.—Believing that western motorists are not reaping the benefits that they should from membership in the A. A. A. and A. C. A., Frank M. Fretwell, an active member of the Automobile club of Seattle, and well known in coast automobile circles, has issued a call for a meeting to be held in Seattle September 4 for the purpose of discussing the formation of a western automobile association. Each of the clubs in the states of Washington, Oregon and California, and also those in British Columbia, will be invited to send from two to five delegates to the convention.

The advisability of the formation of such an association has been discussed for a long time on the coast and has everywhere met with favor among automobile enthusiasts. September 4 seems a most fitting date for the convention, as at that time the Portland, Or., and Vancouver, B. C. clubs will be the guests of the Automobile club of Seattle. Great plans are being made for the entertainment of all visitors, both club members and delegates. The out of town motorists will be banqueted, drives will be taken over the principal boulevards, and there will be a monster automobile parade. The convention delegates will assemble at the Hotel Washington annex.

Delegates attending this meeting will be asked to bring with them a certified statement of the membership of clubs which they represent in order that voting representation may be decided upon. Mr. Fretwell, who is working hard for the perfection of the proposed western automobile association, feels that the delegates themselves in session should decide upon all rules for the government of the club and in the meantime will only make suggestions which may be submitted for the consideration of the club representatives. Prominent motorists when approached on this subject have voiced their hearty approval and promised their co-operation.

While it is not expected to have the organization in full working order this season, it is hoped by next year to have the association actively working and to have many strong inducements to hold out to prospective members.

TOWN IS SWALLOWED BY FISSIONS IN EARTH

STAUNTON, W. Va., Aug. 12.—Residents of Staunton are hurriedly moving from their homes today, terrified by the sudden appearance in the town's center of gaping holes in the earth. Already two houses have been engulfed and other caverns are occurring at short intervals, slowly destroying Baldwin street, the main thoroughfare.

Staunton is in the limestone region and it is believed that hitherto concealed subterranean chambers have suddenly settled, breaking the surface. No relief seems possible.

CHARLTON TO BE ARRAIGNED FOR MURDER OF WIFE

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Aug. 12.—Porter Charlton, accused of having murdered his wife, Mary Scott Castle Charlton, at Lake Como, Italy, will be arraigned here September 21, according to an agreement reached by counsel today.

Assistant Prosecutor McCarthy intimated this afternoon that unless Italy asks for extradition of the prisoner, this state will ask for the appointment of a commission to determine the young man's sanity.

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UNCLE SAM IN DARKEST AFRICA

Assumption of Guardian Role to Negro Republic of Liberia Causes Uneasiness Among European Diplomats—Protest May Be Made.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Since the announcement by the United States on July 27 that it would take charge of the financial affairs of the African republic of Liberia, a decided uneasiness is felt in the British foreign office. The appearance of America in international politics in the old world is regarded as a startling departure from the limitations imposed upon herself by the Monroe doctrine. It is possible that France and England will protest against the proposed action of the Washington government.

The little negro republic on the west coast of Africa has long been a source of irritation to the powers interested in the dark continent. Slack legislation, unfair taxes and inadequate officials have more than once disturbed the diplomats. It was believed that some drastic action must be taken to control the little government but the European powers were not prepared for such measures as those taken by the United States. It is generally predicted in London circles that if America's intervention is more than one of temporary aid to Liberia, the results will be serious.

Commenting on the significance of America's appearance in the old world, the London Morning Mail says:

"This is a change which will affect future history as perhaps no other event in the last 20 years, with the single exception of the fall of Port Arthur."

WOMAN STRANGLER BY FALSE TEETH

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 12.—That Miss Millie Hunt died as the result of swallowing her false teeth, the near molars lodging in her throat and strangling her, is the verdict of the coroner's jury here today. She was chewing gum to keep her mind off her work while sweeping her home, and abstractedly detached her removable teeth, swallowing them.

WOMEN HELP MEN TO CLEAR FRUIT LAND

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Aug. 12.—Clad in overalls and jumpers, two women may be seen clearing land on the Snowden road. They are mother and daughter, assisting Whittier and Graves, husband and father respectively, slashing timber on contract. Whittier and Graves have shown that even poor men can prosper in the rich fruit districts of the west. Coming from the Dalles in June, without means the immediately took a contract to slash 30 acres for \$540. With the women's assistance they made short work of it, took 28 acres more, finished that and have now made a contract to slash 80 acres more for Minneapolis parties. By the first of November they will have made \$1600. With a portion of this money they will buy fruit land.

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CAR SCANDAL TO BE SETTLED

Memphis Concern to Refund Illinois Central Overcharges Collected in Alleged Attempt to Defraud Company—Another Settlement Secured

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 12.—The Record Herald today says:

"A settlement between the Illinois Central railroad and the Memphis car company, whereby the latter is to pay back \$200,000 of the \$300,000 out of which it is alleged to have defrauded the railroad company in repairing old cars. This will be the second settlement since the Illinois Central began its investigation into the frauds whereby it is said to have lost \$1,500,000.

"The suit against the Memphis car company is in the court at Memphis and the bill charges that the Illinois Central, through the conspiracy of four of its former officials, paid the car company approximately \$300,000 in excess of the money legally due for the repair of cars.

"The other settlement obtained by the company was with the Blue Island Rolling Mills and Car company, formerly the Blue Island Car and Foundry company. The claims against the company were for \$600,000 and the settlement is said to have been made for \$85,000 cash."

SHERIFF OFF TO LOOK INTO MOUNTAIN MURDER

SAN JOSE, Cal., Aug. 11.—Accompanied by an armed posse, Sheriff Langford left San Jose today for the mountain wilderness east of Mount Hamilton to investigate the death of Alonzo Withers, a wealthy rancher, who was found murdered in his lonely cabin. Withers had considerable money at the time the killing is believed to have occurred. It is believed that robbery was the motive.

Withers, although a man of means, was a recluse, preferring life in the isolated region where his ranch is located. There is no clue to the identity of the slayer.

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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP SUCCESS IN GEORGIA

DUBLIN, Ga., Aug. 12.—Owing to the great increase in the city's light and water department, the mayor and council have ordered a new engine, which will be installed probably by the first of September. This new engine will add about 500 horse-power to the plant's capacity and it is thought this will be sufficient for the next three or four years.

Dublin has tried municipal ownership of the light and water plant for about 15 years and the venture has been such a pronounced success that the citizens would be laughed at who should advocate the sale or transfer to a private ownership.

Nearly every year the plant has paid running expenses, paid for thousands of dollars worth of improvements and turned into the city treasury more than enough net profit to pay interest on the light and water bonds that have been issued from

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time to time. Under the administration of Mayor L. Stubbs, which has just come to the second half of his two-year term, the light and water department, as well as all other city departments, has made a magnificent showing, the city being almost entirely out of debt, and having available accounts receivable more than sufficient to pay every dollar owed and leave a cash balance in the treasury.

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