

UNIQUE SHOW IS TRAINING HERE

Smallest Circus in World Prepares for Summer Engagement at "Nat" - Owner Seeks Three Inch Space Wherein to Place "Ring."

The smallest circus in the world is in training quarters in Medford, and its hundreds of animals are now being put through their paces ready for a summer engagement at the Natatorium. If any of the beasts escape, there will be great excitement around town and a general hunt instituted that will only end with the death of the animal.

Fleas at this time of the year are somewhat out of season. The summer is when they are at their best peek-a-boo waists and open work stockings offering but slight resistance.

To a reporter who interviewed him last night, Mr. Alonzo Sloan, the showman was somewhat reticent. He preferred to talk "Medford" which he said impressed him as being "some town."

"Although I have some two hundred fleas" he said at last, "they are of course, not all stars, some of them being only understudies taking their first lessons in the dramatic art. To perfect a flea performer takes a very long time as first he must be broken of jumping, a habit which they all unfortunately, inherit."

This is accomplished by placing a loop of the finest gold wire about their necks, the idea being to have him so weighted down at the front end that, when he tries to spring, he merely turns a hand-flip. To break a flea of jumping takes about fifteen months. The fleas I use are the German, or human, fleas. Their average life is about 20 years and they are so strictly "human" that no amount of persuasion will induce one to eat dog. They multiply very rapidly, but I never can gather up the courage to kill them, so, when they look like they are going to become excess baggage, I just turn a few thousand loose wherever I happen to be.

"In my show the star attraction is the ballet. This consists of twenty five specially selected animals who dance Oriental dances in perfect unison and accord. It takes about an hour and a half to dress the fleas for this act in the morning so we leave them dressed all day. They are dressed by means of a microscope and a pair of tweezers."

PANAMA EXPOSITION COMMISSION NAMED

Julius Meier of Portland, Lee M. Travis of Eugene and Frank A. Seufert of The Dalles have been appointed additional members of the Oregon Panama-Pacific International Exposition commission. Governor Oswald West announced the appointments yesterday.

The commissioners will meet some time this month and will go to San Francisco to confer with the exposition authorities regarding a site. It is the wish of officers of the exposition that Oregon shall make an early choice.

The three additional members appointed are well known in Oregon. Julius Meier is general manager of the Meier & Frank company, Mr. Travis is a well known attorney of Eugene, and Mr. Seufert is a member of the firm of Seufert Bros., of The Dalles, cannerymen.

The appointment of the three additional members of the commission was authorized by the state legislature during the recent session. The law provides for a commission to select a site for the Oregon building and to make all arrangements for its erection. Oregon was the first state in the union to authorize the erection of a building on the exposition grounds.

Weak, Cold Spells.

Wilmington, N. C.—Mrs. Cora L. Ritter of this place says: "I used to have headaches, and blind dizzy spells and weak cold spells went all over me. I had different doctors, but they were unable to tell me what was wrong, so I began to take Cardui. I am now all right, in good health, and better than I have been for 10 years." Cardui is a remedy for women, which has been helping sick women for nearly a lifetime. You can absolutely rely upon it. Other people have done the testing, and you should profit by their experience. Cardui has benefited a million people. Why not you? Begin taking Cardui today.

HOUSE ACTED SENATE TALKED

Canadian Reciprocity and Program of Legislation Got Through Lower House But Was Killed in Millienaires Club.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—A review of the last session of the 61st congress, which terminated today, shows that the house has enacted an unusually large number of bills of public importance. The senate, on the other hand, presents a record of much talk and little action.

The house not only disposed of fifteen giant appropriation bills, but also tariff measures, and the following bills:

Canadian reciprocity. Permanent tariff board. Apportionment in the next house. Fixing the membership at 433. Gave Peary thanks for the discovery of the North Pole, retiring him on half pay.

Selecting San Francisco as the site of the Panama Exposition in 1915.

The Moon bill, codifying the judiciary laws.

The Mann bill, establishing a permanent form of government on the canal zone.

The Lowden bill, for purchase by the government of building abroad for American embassies, legations and consulates.

The Sulloway pension bill, appropriating about \$45,000,000 annually. President Taft's plan for a ship subsidy was disregarded.

Among the thousands of other measures that died with the session was the report of the joint committee which investigated the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Resolutions which followed to be acted upon include one by Wilson (democrat Pennsylvania) as the persecution of Mexican political refugees, by Stanley (democrat, Kentucky) to investigate the steel trust, and by Norris (republican, Nebraska), to investigate an alleged coffee trust. Among the measures the house passed was a bill by Hobson (democrat, Alabama) to prevent disclosure of secrets of the national defense.

In the senate speeches largely took the place of legislation. The Lorimer case, the resolution for direct election of senators and the reciprocity agreement, furnishing good fuel for oratorical revels.

The senate passed the Gallinger ship subsidy bill, as well as the following:

Awarding the Panama exposition to San Francisco.

Appropriating \$2,000,000 for a Lincoln memorial in Washington.

For inspection of locomotive boilers.

For the purchase of diplomatic establishments.

Hobson's bill for the punishment of military spies.

The resolution to declare Senator Lorimer's seat vacant and the resolution for the direct election of senators were defeated.

The Ballinger-Pinchot matter, the Peary recognition and the bill for congressional reapportionment were left buried in committee.

COUNCIL REPORTS ON PAVING

COMMITTEE OF KALISPELL ALDERMEN FAVORS BITULITHIC PAVEMENT

KALISPELL, Mont., Feb. 7.—(Special)—Bitulithic pavement appeared to be the one most favored by the committee of the city council, which reported Monday night, after a trip that extended over Washington and parts of Oregon and Idaho and occupied more than two weeks. The committee reported on cement blocks, wood blocks, vitrified brick, asphalt, bitulithic and several other mixtures similar to it. They declared that the best pavements they found were those in Portland, where bitulithic was used for the heaviest traffic, and that the poorest pavement was asphalt. They said that on the day they visited Spokane several horses were injured by slipping on the wet asphaltum and had to be shot, although this, they said, was the best asphalt pavement they saw anywhere. It is not decided yet which pavement will be laid as bids have not been asked, and the contract will be conditioned upon the figures to be submitted. The paving is to begin early this spring and is to cover the business section.

Haskins for Health.

WEST NAMES ONE OF BOARD

W. L. Finley, President of the Audubon Society, First Member of Fish and Game Commission—Klamath Man an Applicant.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 4.—"Appointment of the state board of game and fish commissioners will be proceeded with slowly," said Governor West today. "Under the law provision is made for five members. Four of them are to be appointed by me and the fifth will be selected by the board. Two of the members must come from east of the Cascade Mountains. "So far I have tendered W. L. Finley, of the Audubon Society, an office as one of the appointees. He is a republican. I have also offered a democrat, whose name I am not a liberty to disclose, another applicant on the board, but he has refused for business reasons. I tend to appoint the men regardless of their political affiliation."

In the meantime no changes will be made in the office of Master Fish Warden and State Game Warden. These appointments will be left entirely with the board and the governor nor says he will take no active hand in making these appointments.

Governor West, in response to an appeal from Klamath Falls, sent the following wire:

"Salem, March 1, 1911. "Klamath Rod and Gun Club, "Klamath Falls, Oregon.

"Gentlemen: I am in receipt of yours of the 18th ult., endorsing C. F. Stone for appointment as a member of the Game and Fish commission, and assure you that when the time comes to make these appointments Mr. Stone's application and your endorsement will be given careful consideration. "Yours sincerely, "OSWALD WEST."

CALIFORNIA SOLONS DRAW PURSE STRINGS TIGHT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 4.—Authors of appropriation bills are disappointed today over the announcement of the senate committee on finance that the budget will be cut from \$18,500,000 to \$13,000,000 for fear of running the state's liabilities too high. The new system of taxation leaves the amount of revenue in doubt.

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OREGON POSTMASTERS CONFIRMED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The senate confirmed today the nominations of William Curtis, Postmaster at Marshfield, and Fred Davis, postmaster at Madras, Or.; John Casey, Ashland; James Page, Eugene; Thomas Randall, Oregon City; Alva M. Peyton, Peyton, Jackson county, California; A. J. Cheatam, Red Bluff.

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CITY NOTICES.

RESOLUTION. Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon: That there be and hereby is called a special election in and for the City of Medford, to be held on the 10th day of March, 1911, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a. m. and 5:00 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said city, for their approval or rejection, the following entitled amendment to the charter of the City of Medford:

1. An amendment to the charter of the City of Medford, providing for a board of registration, and its duties and the registration of voters.

2. An amendment to the charter of the City of Medford, amending section 72 thereof, providing for an increase of the bonded indebtedness of said city to the extent of \$30,000, said sum to be used for the sole purpose of making improvements in the water system of said city and paying or trunk, sanitary and storm sewers, ereftore or hereafter constructed by said city.

3. An amendment to the charter of the City of Medford, amending section 72 thereof, providing for an increase of the bonded indebtedness of said city to the extent of \$8000, said sum to be used for the sole purpose of improvement of the fire department of said city.

4. An amendment to the charter of the City of Medford, amending section 72 thereof, providing for the creation of a sinking fund for the purpose of the retirement of the bonds of the City of Medford.

5. An amendment to the charter of the City of Medford, amending section 37 of said charter, providing for repayment of amount paid by purchasers at sales of property for delinquent assessments in said city in case the sale is vacated, set aside, or declared void by any court.

The following named persons are hereby appointed judges and clerks of said election:

First Ward: J. W. Ling judge, D. F. Lawton judge and clerk, L. L. Jaxon judge and clerk. Second Ward: Joe Derry judge, Thas. P. Talent judge and clerk, Wm. Ulrich judge and clerk. Third Ward: P. W. Chelgrin judge, J. Lummerville judge and clerk, H. J. Lorimer judge and clerk.

The following are hereby designated as the places for holding said election. First Ward: Hall over Haskins Drug store. Second Ward: Hotel Nash sample rooms. Third Ward: City Hall.

It is further resolved that the recorder of said City of Medford be and hereby is ordered to give notice of said election in the manner provided by the charter in the case of annual elections of said city.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the city council of the City of Medford, Oregon, on the 16th day of February, 1911, by the following vote:

Merrick absent, Watt aye, Wortman aye, Emerick aye, Elfert aye, and Millar aye.

Approved February 16th, 1911. W. H. CANON, Mayor.

ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in and for the city of Medford on March 10th, 1911, for the adoption or rejection of those certain proposed charter amendments to the charter of the city of Medford, set forth in the foregoing resolution. Said election to be held at the time and places designated in said resolution.

ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder City of Medford.

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