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BUT FEW DAYS TILL CIRCUS.

Great Event is Awaited With Unusual Amount of Impatience.

Thousands of visitors are expected in Salem next Thursday to see the Ringling Brothers' big circus. The town itself will turn out generously, as it always does on Ringling day.

News from other points has it that never before in their remarkable history have these five brothers made such important changes and so many improvements as this season. In New York City the circus was described as the finest ever seen there.

The Schumann performing horses, Robidello the wire wizard, the Lorch family of acrobats, the telephoning elephants, the double-comersaulting automobile act, the Arthur Saxon trio of strong men, the ballon pig, the missing link and the great opening spectacle give some idea of what visitors may expect.

There is much more to the program and none of it is commonplace or old. In selecting the horde of performers that are concerned in the giving of the show, the foreign agents sent out by Ringling Brothers searched every nook and corner of the old world in quest of novelty. The result exceeded their brightest hopes. There are 300 Europeans and Asiatics among the actors. But few of them were ever in America before.

The parade in the morning will be a pageant to be remembered as long as one lives. It will be three miles long and one chain of novelties. Camels, giraffes, elephants and even zebras driven in harness and hitched to tableau floats are some of the odd features.

Those who wish to avoid the crowd on the show grounds can buy reserved seats and admissions all show day at Patton Brothers' book store and the prices there will be the same as charged on the circus lot in the regular ticket wagons.

BUILDING DAM TO PROTECT THE BRIDGE

Judge W. M. Busbey of Salem came over the first of the week to commence work on some necessary repairs to the county bridge and the construction of a wing dam to hold the Santiam river in its proper channel.

This work is the result of an agreement between Judge Duncan and the county commissioners of Linn county and Judge Busbey and Commissioner Beckwith, at a conference held here about a month ago.

The approaches to the bridge on both sides of the river were found to be in good shape and it was only on the bridge proper and the piers that needed repairs. The main spans of the bridge will have a new floor and the piers that support this long bridge found to be in a weakened condition and will be replaced with new ones of concrete.

The river a short distance above the bridge had threatened to change its course, and it was almost a certainty that in another year unless something was done it would leave its natural channel and flow down through Linn county, leaving a dry bed under the bridge. To remedy this and keep the river where it now is it was decided to build an immense wing dam.

This dam will be more than 200 feet in length, 10 feet wide at the bottom, eight feet across the top and eight feet high. Rock and brush will be used in the construction as this proved to be the strongest and least expensive of any material and under

the circumstances answer the same purpose as a dam made of concrete and other costly material.

Tom Smith has charge of this work and several men and teams started on the job last Tuesday morning. As soon as the foundation is laid and the work gets under way in good shape more men and teams will be put on and the work rushed as fast as possible. It will require three weeks or a month to complete the work already started.—Stayton Mail.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT AT PORTLAND

[United Press Leased Wire.]

Portland, Aug. 24.—The capture of Henry E. Roberts, who escaped from the Oregon state penitentiary at Salem last June, revealed today that the man was armed with a revolver and red pepper in order to make a desperate resistance against being recaptured.

Roberts said that he had the red pepper for the purpose of throwing it in the eyes of bloodhounds in case they were set after him. He boasted that he would have used the revolver on his pursuers if they had not caught him unawares.

Roberts was sent to the penitentiary several years ago from Oswego. When asked why he staid near the scene of his former crime Roberts replied that he had a long list of persons he wanted to "get" who were responsible for his serving time.

BROKE HIS ANKLE BUT SAVED HIS LIFE

[United Press Leased Wire.]

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—His foot caught in a switch frog and a train bearing down upon him, Joseph De Santo, a resident of Ocean View, saved himself from death last night by deliberately breaking his ankle.

De Santo was crossing the tracks near Fourth and Townsend streets when he stepped on the frog and his shoe caught between the two rails. He tried to pull himself loose but his foot was tightly wedged.

A moment later the warning shriek of a locomotive whistle told him of the rapid approach of a train. The engine was nearly on him when the man gave a desperate wrench, which broke his ankle, and at the same time extricated himself from the frog.

A moment later the train rolled over the spot where the man's foot had held him prisoner. He was later found and taken to the emergency hospital for treatment.

SQUIREL STARTED BIG FOREST FIRE

[United Press Leased Wire.]

Grass Valley, Cal., Aug. 24.—A tree squirrel is believed to be responsible for the forest fire which broke out at Spenserville, a few miles below here. The little animal ran up a pole and struck one of the high tension electric wires and caused a short circuit through its body which caused the wire to burn in two.

The wire fell to earth where it sputtered and started a fire in the grass. This was quickly communicated to the forest trees surrounding and a big conflagration was threatened when the fire was discovered by a rancher.

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Mrs. Daley B. Davernett, wife of Cartoonist Homer Davernett, is suing for separation. She alleges abandonment.

THREE CONVICTS ESCAPE

Seen on Minto Island but Darkness Compelled Officers to Abandon Search Temporarily.

The sheriff of this county is waiting to hear some further news from the three convicts who escaped from the penitentiary last Monday. Sunday morning a telephone call came to the office to the effect three men had been seen on Minto Island southwest of this city and had attempted to hire some men to row them across the river, but the men, recognizing the prison garb which one of the convicts was wearing at the time, refused to transport them to the other shore. Sheriff Minto phoned to Sheriff Grant of Polk county and to the marshal of Independence to drive in from their respective locations on the west and south of the island, and himself and Walter Johnson crossed the slough just south of here and picked up the trail of the escapes. The convicts had stayed all night in the Minto hop houses and left Sunday morning armed with an old shotgun and several rounds of buckshot and powder which they found in the hop house, and had gone nearly due south.

Sheriff Minto and Mr. Johnson tracked them through the many little swales and miniature coulees located all over the island until they met Sheriff Grant with a deputy and the officer from Independence. The Polk county officers left Sheriff Minto and Mr. Johnson and had been gone but a short time when the local men saw a man dressed in prison clothes running toward them down a cow path through the brush. Sheriff Minto and Mr. Johnson stepped off into the brush expecting the man to continue flight, but he evidently caught sight of the officer before they stepped aside, as he turned off at once. Sheriff Minto and Johnson picked up the fellow's trail where he left the path and followed it for some distance, but owing to darkness coming on they were compelled to give it up and return home.

CURED HAY FEVER AND SUMMER COLD

A. S. Nusbaum, Batesville, Ind., writes: "Last year I suffered for three months with a summer cold so distressing that it interfered with my business. I had many of the symptoms of hay fever and a doctor's prescription did not reach my case, and I took several medicines which seemed only to aggravate it. Fortunately I insisted upon having Foley's Honey and Tar. It quickly cured me. My wife has since used Foley's Honey and Tar with the same success." For sale by J. C. Perry.

OF FIFTEEN BROTHERS LAST ONE IS DEAD

[United Press Leased Wire.] Seattle, Aug. 24.—The last of a race of great shipbuilders and the survivor of 15 brothers, all engaged in the same business, Henry Knox Hall is dead at Winslow, Wash., of heart failure, aged 79 years. More than half a century ago the Hall brothers formed a partnership in Cohasset, Mass., to build and operate sailing vessels. About 35 years ago they moved to Port Blakely, Wash., and created a new firm under the name of the Hall Marine Railway and Shipbuilding Company. In every part of the globe are to be found staunch vessels built by this concern. Among the ships turned out by the Hall concern was the Fred E. Satter, which established a record from San Francisco to Seattle that has never been equaled by a sailing vessel.

MINING PROPERTIES UNDER THE HAMMER

Pittsburg, Aug. 24.—All the properties include mines and smelters. Copper company in the vicinity of Butte will be sold at auction at a trustee's sale here today. The properties include mines and smelters. There are 860 acres of land in Jefferson county, Mont., and 23 lode claims in Lewis and Clarke county. A number of letters patent and patent rights, foreign and domestic, also are to be sold.

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* X-RAYS AND SMILES *

About the most intelligent actors in the Uncle Tom's Cabin barnstorming bunches is the hound pups.

There was no quorum of the city council last night and nearly the same conditions prevailed at the opera house.

Some one asks: "What is civilization?" Well, to most folks it means clothes, food, recreation and transportation—and soap.

Henry maybe thinks he can run faster because his name was on two tickets. Like the Frenchmen who hired the livery team and got two whips so they could travel twice as far.

If Harriman ever sees that statue of Jim Hill at Seattle he will abandon any old route if he hears Hill is after it. Hill ought to take it up the Deschutes and shoot it.

Henry says he will run for prosecuting attorney for San Francisco. Some folks have a pretty firm idea that Mr. Henry is mistaken and that Mr. Henry will walk.

La Grande as had an attack of Uncle Tom's Cabin, as the blamed thing is virulently contagious it is hoped the health officers will herd it by.

"Sweet Auburn" may have been the loveliest of the plain, but yesterday at Seattle the judges selected the loveliest of the fair, and also of the A-Y-P. visitors. It's a dead shot she wasn't Auburn either.

When a hog goes into the packing houses at 7 cents per pound and comes out breakfast bacon and hams at 25 cents a pound, the consumer feels like he would enjoy processing the packing house hog who runs the other hog through his packing house.

An exchange says Oregon is the mecca for great men. It ought to be, for the home supply is shy. One crop that seems to have failed in Oregon. Always excepting the hot-house for them at the corner of Sixth and Alder in Portland.

The social snobs of Chicago are arranging to entertain Taft on the theory that they are the only American citizens good enough to see the nation's president. And Taft says he would rather go out on the bleachers and see a ball game than be bothered with the clucking of society hens and inaninity of the Jack-animal self-appointed representatives of a great city.

The dispatches today say that Mme. Zeggio, formerly an American girl, is visiting in Lenox, Mass., and that she will give a party in honor of her pet monkey this week. She carries it around in a gold cage and values it at \$5000. Generally Americans classify American girls who marry foreign titles as fools, but when a case like the above occurs one naturally feels sorry for the husband.

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