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STREET SHOWS AND CIRCUSES

For quite a while The Herald has wished to make some suggestions as to the relative merits of street shows and circuses, but has deferred doing so until a time that such suggestions might not appear to have reference to any arrangements that had been made for public entertainments in Alliance. Now that the street show for this year is a thing of the past and no arrangements for another have been made, we wish to make our suggestion.

Between the ordinary street show and a first-class circus there is really no comparison, the latter being incomparably better than the former, for several reasons. The street show in Alliance during stockmen's convention week this year was considered the best ever seen here, and is probably one of the best on the road, but how does it compare with the Barnum & Bailey, the Sells-Floto, or the Hagenbeck-Wallace circuses, all of which are showing in Nebraska this season?

In the first place, viewed from the point of the city's own interests: The street show takes much more money out of the city, and consequently out of the ordinary channels of trade, than the circus; and it draws to the city scarcely a dime where a circus would pull dollars. It costs more to go the rounds of the street show than it does to see the circus, including side show, and you see less—less of pageantry, less of menagerie, less of athletic and gymnastic performances.

In the second place, a first-class modern circus does not have the objectionable features that so often attend the street show. Some of the street shows are a monumental graft, and, to say the least, reflect seriously upon the reputation of the cities where they are put on; while the best circuses now give a show practically devoid of objectionable features.

Under some circumstances, the largest and best circuses show in towns no larger than Alliance. Barnum & Bailey's, one of the biggest on the road, makes the following Nebraska cities this year: Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont, Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings, Fairbury, Norfolk, Columbus, York, Broken Bow. Alliance is in a class with some of these cities, as to population, and better situated than some to draw a crowd from outside. We suggest that whatever steps may be necessary to induce a first-class circus to visit this city be taken before the schedules for next year have been made up.

POST CARD PHILOSOPHY

In these days of wonderful printing facilities, gems of that in neatly printed form as wall mottoes or on post cards may be purchased for a trifle, but are worth their weight in gold. Here are a few that may be had for a penny apiece, but are worth dollars to one who will profit by the sage advice contained or implied in them:

Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others, without getting a few drops on yourself.

Cheer up!—When you're knocked it's for a reason, and they never knock a Dead One.

If your competitor has a good business,
'Tis better to leave him alone;
Don't waste your time in knocking,
When you ought to be tending your own.

The Bee that gets the honey
Doesn't hang around the Hive.

Lives of hustlers all remind us
That success comes not thru chance.
Those who win do not have rearward
Shiny places on their pants.

"MURDER WILL OUT"

We believe it was Daniel Webster who started the familiar expression, "Murder will out," altho some take it as a quotation from the Bible. No matter when or where the above statement started, some things have recently come to light over in Iowa that seem to prove its accuracy. Four old men, Samuel Serivner, Bates Huntsman, and John and Henry Damewood, are on trial at Bedford, Iowa, on the charge of having participated in the murder of a live stock buyer at Siam, Iowa, forty-seven years ago. The principal witness against them is Mrs. Maria Porter, residing now at Quitman, Mo., who was a girl when the crime was committed and is said to have seen the body of the murdered man thrown into a well. She claims that she was threatened with death if she ever gave information regarding the matter.

ISN'T THIS REFRESHING?

United States Senator G. M. Hitchcock will be a candidate for re-election next year, at least he will be a candidate for the democratic nomination, and if he receives that will be a candidate against the republican nominee for election. Ex-Congressman John L. Kennedy of Omaha is a candidate for the republican nomination for the same office, and it seems with fair prospects of securing it. Under the circumstances it is refreshing to notice the spirit of fairness shown in the following editorial which appeared in Mr. Hitchcock's paper, the World-Herald, recently:

MR. KENNEDY IN THE LIST

Announcement that John L. Kennedy of Omaha will enter the republican primaries as a candidate for United States senator is the first important move preliminary to next year's campaign in Nebraska. The announcement brings into the field one of Nebraska's best-known and most successful citizens, and the sort of a man to whose political claims Nebraska people are always ready to give serious consideration.

Mr. Kennedy is an able lawyer, an enterprising business man, an has long taken a keen interest in public affairs. He is a man of matured mind and strong convictions which, combined with irreproachable character, marked talent as a public speaker and a pleasant and affable personality, make him a foeman worthy any opponent's steel, whether in the primaries or in the general election. Should he be named by his party to contest for election to the senate it would insure a campaign based on the issues involved and not a campaign of personalities and cheap demagoguery such as has occasionally disgraced political contests in this state.

Burlington Bubbles

One on Beach
Conductor Beach of the Burlington railroad was in Whitman one day last week and at the same time a band of gypsies hit the burg. The

station agent noticed that Beach was nearby and asked that the woman fortune teller of the bunch tell Beach that she would tell his fortune for a nickel, at the same time giving her some inside information. Beach, according to a witness, snapped at the chance to get his fortune told for a nickel. Among other things the woman told him that he had three particularly bad enemies—one of them was a railroad man named O'Con-

nors, another was a man who bossed the trains named Marvin, and another was the chief guy who bossed the fellows who bossed the trains, named Gavin. The boys stated that Beach's face was a study and that he is still wondering who put the fortune teller "wise".

The Burlington has re-opened its Omaha-Kansas City line which had been closed for several days by high water around Amazonia, Mo. The trains, which are running several hours late, detour by Cameron Junction between St. Joseph and Kansas



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