

THE CIRCUS PLEASSED.

Robinson Shows Attracted Two Enormous Audiences.

Thursday was an ideal circus day—hot and dusty without a sign of rain. Everybody complained of the heat, but who ever thought of staying away from a circus because it was too hot?

Early in the morning the Robinson Shows arrived at the depot and moved upon Taubman's pasture. Almost simultaneously the vanguard of out-of-town visitors appeared, and all morning long people kept coming from all parts of Lafayette and Ray counties.

At eleven o'clock, when the parade started, the streets were thronged. The parade was creditable. The poor circus people—almost all of them dressed in red—must have been uncomfortable as they rode through the sun, but they did their duty cheerfully. The bands played lustily, the equestrians sat upright, the clowns threw kisses at the ladies, the calliope tooted and a marshal occasionally warned an onlooker to watch his horses.

There were, of course, two performances under the big top. Both in the afternoon and in the evening the seats were all taken. And everybody seemed pleased.

The Robinson show is only a two ring, one platform affair, but everything is good and sometimes it was hard to tell what to look at.

The bareback riding was not wonderful and there was no flying trapeze work; but there were enough exceptionally good acts to make up. There was a troop of Japs who did almost everything in the acrobatic line and did it well. The Nelson family, consisting now of one man and seven girls, was as usual excellent. The trained elephants were splendid, and a troop of trained seals put up about the best exhibition of animal intelligence that has been seen in these parts. A large body of clowns filled in the gaps acceptably.

The band is deserving of special mention. The director does not beat four-four time according to the acceptel standards, but he gets good music from his men, and too much praise cannot be given the arranger of music for refraining from using, "The

Engagement Announced.

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Rachael Andreen to Mr. Glae BeDell of Evansville, Ind., was made Saturday afternoon at a luncheon given by Miss Andreen to the members of her card club and a few intimate friends in honor of Misses Edna Cash of Oklahoma City, Mildred Martin of Odessa, and Mrs. H. B. Henry of Kansas City. Miss Ida Bell Walker won the club prize and Miss Martin was awarded the guest's prize.

The announcement was made during the luncheon, when favors were presented each guest consisting of bridal baskets bearing a card with the names Mr. Glae BeDell and Miss Rachael Andreen; and the date, Saturday, September 23, 1916.

The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride's parents, 1512 South street.

Richmond Remains Dry.

The local option election in Richmond Friday resulted in a victory for the dries by a majority of 145. Richmond voted dry eight years ago by a substantial majority. They were so well pleased with the changed conditions that the result was never in doubt.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Marquis and two children, and Miss Mary Marquis, went to Topeka, Kansas, Friday for a visit.

Star-Spangled Banner" until the end of the show, when everybody gets up anyhow. Ordinarily the band starts this melody when the lady in pink tights walks across the taunt wire with a flag held in either hand and, as soon as some patriotic individuals have arisen, changes to "Everybody's Doin' It."

There were no ordinary grafters with the circus. Of course there was a side show and a "concert." An individual rented at twenty-five cents each some straw cushions that ordinarily sell for a dime. But the thimble-rig outfit was not in evidence and there was no crew of dips.

Altogether the show was highly satisfactory. It made good money in Lexington, and those who attended got their money's worth.

Death of William Hackler.

William Hackler, a highly respected citizen and farmer of Lafayette County, died at 10:40 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home six miles east of Lexington, his death being due to dropsy and heart trouble.

Mr. Hackler was 68 years old. Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons and two daughters, as follows: Mrs. E. D. Headen of Wellington, Ill.; Thomas Hackler, Lily Col.; Jos., Chas., Harvey and Miss Ella Hackley, all of this county. He is also survived by two brothers, Peter Hackler of Lexington, and Joseph Hackler of Higginsville.

The funeral services conducted by Rev. R. N. Allen, were held at the home Saturday morning.

Letter From Mr. Houx.

Lexington, Mo., Aug. 14, '16.
Mr. A. W. Allen,
Lexington, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

May I express through your paper the many kind feelings I possess for my friends, for the support they gave me in the late primary. As democrats we have all realized in the last two years the real greatness of the democratic party.

If we had had another leader during this time than the one we now have, it is a grave question as to what would be the condition of this country today.

With President Wilson leading we have no fear of a real war, so it behooves all of us to keep him in the lead and that means work all along the line.

Respectfully,
N. M. HOUX.

Schmelzers Are Coming.

The greatest opportunity of the season for the Lexington Athletics to make history and incidentally to jam a ram rod down the backs of some of the weakly constituted local fans, will come Sunday when they play and win from the Schmelzers of Kansas City. The Schmelzers are some "punkins" when it comes to playing the national game. They have a record of sixteen straight games won, and Whalen, their pitcher, has worked in thirty-eight consecutive innings without being scored on. The local boys also have a record to be proud of, and when they hook up with the Kaw boys next Sunday, there will be some-doin'.

The batteries for the Schmelzers will probably be Whalen and Hannon; for the Athletics, Carmichael and Brown.

Police Court Items.

The morning after the circus there were four fined for drunkenness and one for disturbing the peace as follows:

Wm. Frazier, drunk, given thirty minutes to leave town.

Jesse Stovall, drunk, fined \$5.75.

Frank Barrett, drunk, fined \$5.75.

Chas. Holm, drunk, fined \$5.75.

Arthur Grass, disturbing the peace, fined \$5.75.

The following parties were tried before Judge Mountain Saturday morning: Fred Taylor, (negro) charged with common assault was fined \$5.75, paid in cash. J. A. Elliot, a blacksmith, charged with being drunk was ordered to leave the city in one hour. George Harmon, charged with disturbing the peace was given thirty days and paroled.

Henry Nelson Myers left Wednesday for a visit with friends in Chattanooga, Tenn.

David W. Stark Extends Thanks.

To the Democratic Voters of the Seventeenth Senatorial District.

I wish to thank the Democratic voters of this, the Seventeenth Senatorial District of Missouri, composed of Lafayette, Johnson and Cass counties, for the honor they have heaped upon me by choosing me as the Democratic candidate for their representative in the State Senate. The race was won for me by my friends and the newspapers of the district, who gave me the nomination, and without whom I would have been helpless. I made a fight for my political life, and they rallied about me.

I am fully aware of the trust reposed in me, and I assure you that at all times I shall answer every call to deliver unto you a true accounting of the faithful performance of my duties as your political servant. I shall work as hard in my attempts to truly represent the people in the State Senate as I did to get the nomination. I want your co-operation, and ask that you send me your ideas on pending legislation, or propose measures, and feel that I am at your command always, in the event of my election.

I feel doubly grateful to my Cass county constituency. I did not get to campaign the county thoroughly, and there are many sections of the county and towns that I have not had the pleasure of visiting for the past three years, but I felt that you knew me and was satisfied with the record I had made as your member of the General Assembly. I trusted you to stand by me, and you did so nobly. Your words of commendation preceded me into Johnson and Lafayette counties, where I went as a total stranger, and were of vast value to me. I shall try to represent my people in a way that will cause them to be as proud of their humble servant as I am of my masters.

Yours for fewer and better laws,
DAVID W. STARK,
West Line, Mo.

Notice to Auto Drivers.

Sec. 48. Every automobile, motor vehicle, or motorcycle using gasoline or other explosive mixture as a motive power shall use a muffler, which is sufficient to deaden the sound of the explosions, and such muffler shall not be disconnected or cut out while such automobile, motor vehicle or motorcycle is being operated upon any street or avenue, boulevard, parkway or park-road within the City of Lexington.

OWEN OWEN,
City Marshal.

Anyone violating the above Ordinance will be punished by a fine or imprisonment or both, if necessary. This nuisance must be stopped.

D. L. MOUNTAIN,
Police Judge.

Dr. Ryland, who suffered a compound fracture of the right wrist several weeks ago while cranking a Ford car, and who has been in the German hospital in Kansas City for treatment, returned home Tuesday evening. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ryland.

For Sale

Two Duroc Jersey Boars.
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Celebrates 84th Birthday.

Mrs. Nancy E. Heathman, 206 North Sixteenth street, is 84 years old yesterday. She was born in Salisbury North Carolina, August 17, 1832, and was married to John N. Heathman September 12, 1854. In 1856 they moved to this county and settled on a farm, where they lived for ten years. During the intervening time, about 50 years, Mrs. Heathman has lived in Lexington. She was the mother of eight children, two of whom are living—David O., and John, both of this city. Mr. Heathman died twenty-five years ago.

Mrs. Heathman is enjoying very good health, and it is hoped by her many friends that she will live to enjoy many more birthdays.

Gulley Gets Five Years.

The case of Lee Gulley, which occupied the time of the criminal court several days last week, resulted in his conviction and a sentence of five years in the penitentiary was imposed.

Misses Jeanette Taylor and Rubey Wright accompanied by Douglas Dunford and John McClelland, went to Nelson, Mo., Wednesday for a visit.

Miss Esta Malta went to Malta Bend Wednesday for a visit with relatives.

Athletics Whitewash Concordia.

The Allied balltossers of Lexington made an awful drive on the German boys from Concordia Sunday, and the result was many prisoners and twelve yards of trenches. The game was very fast until the fifth inning, when the wrecking crew of the locals got busy and made five scores. In the sixth they made six more, and in the seventh, one. The Athletics made 9 hits and Concordia, 4.

Batteries: Concordia—Breckensick, Keuck and Schroyer; Lexington—Carmichael & Brown.

Births.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Rollins Smith, San Gabriel, Cal., announce the birth of a boy, Saturday, August 12, 1916. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Gladys Comstock, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chiles, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Knipe of Ottumwa, Iowa, announce the birth of a son Wednesday, August 16, 1916. Mrs. Knipe was formerly Miss Nell Price, daughter of Mrs. Belle Price, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. George King, Jr. announce the birth of a girl Friday, August 11, 1916.

FOR SALE

Wheat Farms, Wheat Land, Alfalfa Farms, and Stock Ranches

- 960 A. Ford County, Kansas. Located 4 miles of station on Santa Fe, all level smooth land, soil deep, black loam, red clay subsoil, shallow water, farm fenced with fair improvements, finely located, surrounded by good wheat farms, 320 A. wheat, 100 A. spring crops, remainder buffalo grass meadows. The best of wheat lands, price \$26.25 per A. Good Terms.
- 320 A. Located Northwest Dodge City, 7 miles, surrounded by as well improved wheat farms as Kansas has, finely located, school on farm, shallow water, 100 A. good alfalfa land, soil deep, black loam, red clay subsoil, 280 A. wheat, making more than 6000 bushels. Price \$40.00 per A. One cannot go amiss in buying this farm.
- 640 A. Located 4 miles of Wright on Santa Fe, good improvements, surrounded by good wheat farms, school on farm, finely located, 480 A. level, smooth land, rich and productive. 160 A. pasture land with living water, 320 A. wheat, remainder in spring crops and pasture. Price \$22,500.00. Good Terms.
- 320 A. Located South of Dodge City 5 miles, soil deep, black, sandy loam, red clay subsoil, good improvements, surroundings and location among the best, a perfect half section of land. 210 A. wheat, remainder in pasture and spring crops. Price \$45.00 per A. Terms.
- 640 A. Located South of Dodge City 6 miles, soil deep, black, sandy loam, red clay subsoil, good improvements, shallow water, finely surrounded and located. 420 A. wheat, remainder in spring crops and pasture. Price \$43.50 per A. Terms.
- 160 A. Located 2 miles of Dodge City, close to St. Mary's College, fine surroundings, fine location, soil deep, black loam, red clay subsoil, a perfect quarter section of land. 80 A. wheat, remainder spring crops and pasture. No other improvements. Price \$35.00 per A. Terms.
- 128 A. Located South of Dodge City in the Artisan valley, smooth, level land, soil extraordinary sandy loam, red clay, subsoil, fine wheat and alfalfa farms, surrounding, well located. 110 A. wheat, making more than 20 bu. per A. No other improvements. Price \$30.00 per A. One of the best investments in Ford County.

To the People of Lafayette County and Surrounding Territory:

We hope and trust that all of you will read our little ad on Ford County, Kansas, and may you become interested and come and live with us. Ford County is the leading wheat, alfalfa, grain and live stock county in the state. Cereals of most all kind, such as field corn, oats, barley, Kaffir corn, milo maize and sorghum are raised and produced in Ford County, averaging in good crops with the Central Western States. Come see us, write us, tell us your wants, your interest is our interest.

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