

CHEAP SIDESHOWS AND POOR ACTORS CONSTITUTE MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL

Way in Which the Show People Have Worked the City for "a Good Thing"--A Money-Grabbing Scheme

The alleged Mardi Gras Carnival which opened in this city last evening is nothing more than an aggregation of wandering sideshows and acrobats. And they are very poor sideshows and acrobats.

The city authorities allowed this money-grabbing aggregation to get in to town on a paltry license of \$5 per day, while they charged the Floto shows, for one day's performances, \$85.

In addition to this rank discrimination, the city allowed the Mardi Gras people to have all the electric lights they wanted for a week for \$120, and then put up poles and wires costing about \$75 of the sum received. This morning the city's arc lights on the Carnival grounds were burning at 8 o'clock.

Nobody cared. The city was footing the bill.

The city council allowed the Mardi Gras to come here, despite the published warnings of Seattle newspapers, one of which attached the box office receipts on the last night to cover its advertising bill.

The game of the Mardi Gras people is to get some body of reputable citizens, usually some union, to stand sponsor for them and give them a standing before the community, in order that they may better rake in the dollars.

Over in Seattle they induced the Clerks' union to stand for them, promising a percentage of the profits. In Tacoma they tried to induce the trade unions to enter into a co-partnership, but the unions knew a thing or two and flatly refused.

Politicians Take a Hand.

The effort to interest Tacoma people in the venture only partially failed, however. Several politicians who saw a chance to make a good thing out of the deal, and they in turn induced the city government to lend its countenance to the affair, on the allegation that it would be a great thing for Tacoma, etc.

The police department and the fire department were dragged into the street parade and made part and parcel of the show for the benefit of these politicians.

It goes without saying that the only redeeming features in the parade were the bluecoats, the firemen and seven nice, pretty young girls who live in Tacoma and were induced to lend their presence in the procession.

As for the rest of the alleged "glittering pageant," it was, like the other promised attractions, a great flop. Aside from the local features, there was absolutely nothing to it. The floats turned out to be the cheapest kind of cheap stage scenery,

set up on trucks and drawn by tired, dust-covered dray horses, the most of which had spent the day toiling up and down the hills of Tacoma. All the floats were the property of the carnival company. There was absolutely nothing local about them.

The Mexican float, which was supposed to be one of the chief attractions, turned out to be an affair which looked as if it was made of dun-colored cheese cloth tacked over a rickety frame.

The "beautiful lily float" was a poor imitation of a lily in impossible colors. Another one, which, by a stupendous stretch of imagination, was termed "the pansy float," had a redeeming feature in the four little girls who occupied it.

It Was the Very Limit.

But the Alaska float! That was the real thing, the only lallapalooza on the driveway. The management had forgotten to label it, and to the crowd, which was beginning to get next to itself, this cheap contraption appeared as if it had had its origin in a junk shop. It represented almost anything but Alaska.

One of the real warm things of the parade was a hack in which was Fraviola, the loop-the-loop artist, the ball in which she does the trick, and her "spieler." Fraviola, gorgeously attired in a faded pink bath robe and X-ray stockings, sat on top of the hack, while the "spieler," in foghorn tones, exploited her "daredevil act."

Part of the crowd followed the parade to the grounds, thinking that what they saw was only one of the carnival jokes and that the real thing would come later. With that belief they went through the gates, only to find that the joke was continued inside the high board fence.

An Elusive Search, Indeed.

"Big doins!" is the catchword at the Mardi Gras. "Big doins" on the inside for a dime, ten cents!" yells the sideshow spieler. But the "big doins" at the Mardi last night turned out to be an elusive substance, and those who went in pursuit of it soon learned that instead of finding the "big doins" they themselves were being "done."

It was expensive, this search for something worth seeing at the enclosure. To make the rounds it cost exactly \$1.20, and when you had turned over the necessary dimes and had stood long enough in each ill-smelling tent you had not yet stumbled onto the "big doins" promised.

Instead, you had been imposed upon by some vaudeville performers that could not hold the job of shifting

scenes in a local ten-cent show. You had learned that the "Grand Revival of the Original and Famous Pepper Show Tent" in the "London Ghost" performance in which the spieler was the principal offender, and the poor makeshift of a negro was villain, comedy man and tragedian.

Twenty-five cents was necessary to enter the next tent. Here you might naturally expect to catch at least a glimpse of the "Big Doins," but not so. It is only a case of "being done" some more for a reserved seat. This gives you the privilege of hearing a clown, an ordinary kind of clown, with a very ordinary kind of voice, sing "My Rose of Killarney." You also see some of those "marvelous, astounding, death-defying midair" feats described in a morning publication, which in reality resemble the acrobatic stunts that were in vogue "before the war."

The "Electric Palace" costs you 10 cents, but you will be better pleased and will see some electricity if, instead of entering the "palace," you will gaze at an ordinary eight candle-power incandescent light.

Now to "the crowning feature of the carnival," the stadium, "that vast amphitheater in which are pulled off the chariot races." Yes! those hair-raising, death-defying chariot races--and all for just one quarter. But there is only one pretense at a chariot race, and the crowd really doesn't recognize that. For this same 25 cents you also see Fraviola loop the loop after her manager has spent twenty minutes in properly impressing you with the dangers connected with the great feat. This is the one really meritorious feature of the entire carnival, although it is neither as spectacular nor half so good as looping the loop on a bicycle.

Donnelly expressed the opinion that the strike will continue a long time, but that the strikers would be victorious.

PACKERS FACE SERIOUS DIFFICULTY

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—With the glut of cattle, hogs and sheep this morning the packers faced what the strikers termed a serious situation. It is predicted that they will incur serious losses through their inability to handle the livestock.

The importation of non-unionists continued without violence.

ROOSEVELT SAID TO BE SURE OF BOTH COLORADO AND NEBRASKA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 3.—Senator Scott of West Virginia, manager of the Eastern bureau of the Republican national committee, conferred with the president this morning. He has just returned from a

trip through the West, and brings assurances that Colorado and Nebraska are sure for Roosevelt. "West Virginia is safe," he says, "the Democrats couldn't elect the legislature if they spent four millions in the effort."

SUSPECTS ARRESTED

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—The police today have six men under arrest on suspicion of being connected with the Illinois Central robbery. Two of them were traced from the scene of the hold-up to a West Side house, and the passengers and train crew have been sent for to identify them.

BABY LIONS THAT PLAY LIKE KITTENS

Although the Floto circus parade today was not the biggest one ever seen in Tacoma, what there was of it was good. The horses were sleek looking and of all sizes, from the tiniest pony to a beautiful team of blacks weighing 3,600 pounds.

One of the most attractive features of the animal show is three baby lions. They were born on the 21st of last month and are as playful as kittens.

The performance tonight opens at 7:30 with a concert by a band of 25 pieces. The circus performance begins at 8:15.

The exhibition is being given at the Eleventh street ball grounds.

BALDIE HAD A GENEROUS STREAK

The Opal saloon referred to in The Times last evening as having fallen under the ban of Baldie's discrimination was the saloon at the corner of Starr and Thirtieth streets, Old Town. There is also an Opal saloon in South Tacoma, the proprietor of which wants to have it made clear that it was not his place that had been discriminated against. He says: "Baldie treated me fair. He took my old machine and paid me about three times what it was worth, and then put one of his new machines in my place."

EPWORTHIAN ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Yesterday at the old Y. M. C. A. park the Epworth Sunday school baseball team defeated the Baptist Sunday school team by a score of 5 to 3. The winners took revenge on the Baptists for their defeat of two weeks ago, when the latter won by 11 to 9. The feature of the game was the fielding of the victors, who played without an error, while their

opponents made several misplays. The line-up was as follows:

Epworths—Pared, catcher; E. Lynn, pitcher and third base; C. Lynn, second base; Gibbs, shortstop; Tuttle, third base and pitcher; Roberson, left field; R. Tuttle, center field; Grant, right field.

Baptists—Woods, catcher; Kinney, pitcher; Hagen, first base; Morton, second base; Borton, shortstop; Wogge, third base; Smith, left field; Gray, center field; Hileman, right field.

The score: R. H. E.
Baptists1 0 0 0 1 1—3 4 4
Epworths2 3 0 0 0 0—5 8 0

KERN NAMED BY DEMOCRATS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 3.—For governor, John W. Kern of Indianapolis; for lieutenant governor, Warden Stevens. This ticket was nominated by the Democratic state convention today. The platform omits any mention of the gold question, but endorses Parker and Davis and the St. Louis platform.

WILL REGULATE TICKET SCALPERS

The ticket scalpers of this city will soon have to pay a license or get out of business, if Councilman Martens has his way. At the council meeting tonight Mr. Martens will introduce an ordinance making it necessary for the ticket brokers to pay \$100 before they can open up business. If the ordinance is adopted the purchases and sales of tickets must be reported to the chief of police every day before noon. A fine of not more than \$500 is the penalty fixed for violation of the ordinance.

CLERK SLAUGHTER ILL

S. C. Slaughter, chief clerk of the water and light department, is at St. Joseph's hospital, suffering from an acute attack of pleurisy. He was taken ill at his desk and grew worse so rapidly that it was decided to take him to the hospital yesterday.

The city's pay roll for the month of July, which was made up by Deputy City Controller Meade today, is the largest one in the history of the city. The pay roll amounts to \$26,133.13. Of this amount, \$15,282.43 will be drawn from the salary fund to pay the salaries of the councilmen, police, fire department employees, street and sewer men, engineers, etc.

\$8,864.40 from the water and light fund; \$1,543 from the park fund; \$375 from the library fund and \$118.30 from the bicycle fund.

KUROPATKIN EVACUATES HAICHENG-- CZAR'S TROOPS DIE FROM HUNGER

Men Forced to Fight on Rations of Sugar--Russians Lost Six Guns and 1,500 Men in Big Two Days' Battle--Details of Port Arthur Assault

(BULLETIN.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 3.—The government is arranging for the mobilization of a new army corps to be dispatched to the Far East.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 3.—General Kuropatkin reports that the Russian troops have retired from Haicheng along the road to Anshanchan. The retreat was made in perfect order, despite the heat, which caused many sunstrokes. He adds that no serious news has been received from the eastern front.

CZAR'S SOLDIERS ARE DYING OF HUNGER

ROME, Aug. 3.—The correspondent of Giornale D'Italia at Liao Yang asserts that the conditions among the Russians at the front are disastrous. The correspondent says the men are dying from hunger. After a march lasting forty-eight hours they were given nothing but sugar to eat. They have no bread or provisions, which arrive only at long intervals. Under these conditions the work of the troops is truly heroic.

RUSSIANS LEAVE 1,500 CORPSES ON BATTLEFIELD

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Japanese legation here has issued the following official report from Tokyo: "The army which occupied Simu-

cheng reports that on July 30 it began an attack upon the enemy, who were occupying a strongly entrenched position on the heights behind Lomucheng, 15 miles southeast of Haicheng.

"Fierce fighting continued during the 31, when the left wing expelled the enemy before them and threatened the rear of the main body of the enemy, who were thereupon compelled to retreat during the night toward Haicheng.

"The enemy consisted of two divisions of infantry and seven batteries of artillery.

"We captured six field guns and some prisoners. Our casualties were 400, while the enemy left 1,500 corpses on the field."

KUROPATKIN ADMITS DEFEAT AND LOSSES

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 3.—General Kuropatkin, in a report to the czar, says: "Our troops, after abandoning an advanced position in the Yangze pass, retired in the direction of Lian-dianshan toward Saimatze and Liao Yang.

"Yesterday our troops, after a stubborn fight, retired from their advanced positions to their principal position, but, although our troops held their advanced positions, they sustained losses.

"According to reports received during the last few days, General Kuroki has effected a concentration

of his forces in order to strike in the direction of Saimatze and Liao Yang."

Japanese Vessel Sunk.

ROME, Aug. 3.—The Giornale d'Italia published an extra today with a dispatch announcing that the Japanese armored cruiser Kasuga, formerly an Argentine warship, has been sunk.

DETAILS OF DESPERATE ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR

CHEFOO, Aug. 3.—Two Chinese junks which arrived here today report that a desperate assault was commenced on Port Arthur July 26, which lasted until July 28. During the battle the Russians lost between 5,000 and 6,000 men, killed and wounded.

The Japanese made repeated assaults against the eastern forts and in the barbed wire entanglements and over ditches, equipped with shells and bullets and the explosion of mines under their feet. Their losses are estimated at 20,000.

The Russians held all the eastern forts leading to Golden Hill, and the Japanese, shattered and exhausted, retired to the eastward.

NEWSPAPER ACCUSES RUSSIANS OF PIRACY

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The London Times in an editorial this morning declares that the sinking of the Knight Commander and the German steamer constituted piracy according to the laws of nations. The Times then sounds a warning against further acts of this character, claiming that the time is near when Great Britain will be compelled to take radical steps to prevent interference with her commerce.

Routed With Heavy Loss.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—A dispatch from Liao Yang, dated Tuesday, says that on Sunday, at Ukiate, northwest of Liao Yang, the Russians encountered a superior force of Japanese and, after a hard fight, were driven back with the loss of nearly a thousand men.

PUG CHARGED WITH MURDER

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 3.—Patrick Mahoney, who was shot Saturday by Jerry Slattery, a pugilist, died this morning. Slattery is in jail, charged with murder.

JOHN WALKER WANTED

Where is John Walker? His daughter, Mrs. Margaret Paul, Lake Linden, Michigan, has written to Postmaster Cromwell concerning his whereabouts, as he is supposed to be in Tacoma. The letter states that Mr. Walker is between 60 and 70 years of age and has been lost to his relatives for a number of years. The whereabouts of Alex J. Smith is also wanted by the postmaster.

FORTUNATE ACCIDENT

E. N. Fuller, secretary of the State Historical society, was out today for the first time since he received an injury to his eye, July 16.

While Mr. Fuller was cutting some kindling a piece struck his left eye, which had been useless for 11 years on account of a cataract. It happened that the blow was a lucky one for Mr. Fuller, for it loosened the cataract so that it could easily be removed and the sight of the eye is completely restored.

LABOR DAY PLANS

At the meeting of the Tacoma Trades Council Monday night the unfinished business left over from the Fourth of July celebration was disposed of and the arrangements for the proper observance of Labor day were placed in the hands of the committee. Mr. Rust, business agent of the Western Central Labor Union of Seattle, addressed the meeting. He gave an outline of the features to be developed for the big celebration in Seattle on Labor day.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR HAMILTON HELD TODAY

The funeral services over the remains of State Senator Ed S. Hamilton, who died November 11, 1903, were held this afternoon. The funeral procession left Hoskins' undertaking parlors at 1 o'clock and interment was made in the Tacoma cemetery. The pall-bearers were Mayor Campbell, Congressman Cushman, Colonel A. E. Jobb, W. L. McDonald, Henry Carter, Judge W. H. Small and Deputy Collector of Customs W. A. Fairweather.

Mr. Hamilton died of typhoid fever. The body has been kept in a vault since last November, pending a decision as to the place of interment.

JUDSON A LIFE-LONG DEMOCRACY SUPPORTER

Stephen Judson, candidate for lieutenant governor on the Democratic ticket, is one of the oldest Democrats in Washington. So active has he been in the interests of the party that he has been called the "war horse of Democracy."

Mr. Judson was born in Germany in 1837, coming to America when he was about nine years old. He came to Steilacoom over half a century ago and has resided there almost continuously since.

Three times he has been elected to office. For nine years he was a member of the legislature, was county treasurer four years and was sheriff two terms.

For a long time he was trustee in charge of the Western Washington Hospital for the Insane at Steilacoom.

TURNER AND JUDSON HEAD STATE TICKET

George Turner is a native of Edina, Knox county, Missouri, and is 54 years of age. He has held public office intermittently since 1874, when he received his first appointment as United States marshal in the district of Alabama, under President Grant.

In 1884 Turner came to this state, holding a commission from President Arthur as associate justice of the then territory of Washington.

In 1896 he was elected United States senator from this state. His term expired in 1903.

In the Democratic national convention he was affiliated with the gold wing of the Democratic party and supported Judge Parker for the nomination for president.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Governor: George Turner of Spokane.

For Lieutenant Governor: Stephen Judson of Pierce.

For Treasurer: George Mudgett of Spokane.

For Auditor: Lee Purdin of Kittitas.

For Secretary of State: Patrick Hough of Clarke.

For Land Commissioner: Van R. Pierson of King.

For Superintendent of Schools: W. D. Gerard of King.

For Supreme Judge: Alfred Battle of King—Only one nominated.

For Attorney General: C. H. Neal of Lincoln.

For Congress: Howard Hathaway of Snohomish; J. J. Anderson of Pierce; W. T. Beck of Ferry.

For Presidential Electors: Fred Thiel of Adams; John Trumbull of Clallam; J. S. Darnell of Cowlitz; S. P. Richardson of Mason; J. J. Carney of Chehalis.

BELLEVILLE, Aug. 3.—Although the slate framed up on a combination of Pierce and some of the eastern

counties went through without a hitch yesterday afternoon, the Democratic state convention was not exactly what might be called harmonious.

The Slate Makers.

The ticket was framed up in a room in the Byron hotel by Ernest Lister, O. G. Ellis and A. R. Titlow of Pierce; F. C. Robertson, Floyd Daggett and A. Gill of Spokane; Jay Allen and Harry Drees of King, and William Goodyear of Whitman, representatives of the steering committee that ran the convention. About all that the convention had to do was to ratify the work of the slate makers, and there were enough votes in the combination to do that.

Blackman Dumped.

Two prominent delegates who were not exactly pleased with the line-up were William Blackman and Henry Drum. Both were candidates for lieutenant governor and were turned down. If he had said the word, Blackman's friends would have broken the slate, but, rather than precipitate a row which would have

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SENATOR FAIRBANKS IS FORMALLY NOTIFIED OF HIS NOMINATION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 3.—In a large tent set in the middle of the beautiful grounds surrounding the candidate's home, and in the presence of a distinguished company of his fellow partisans, Senator Fairbanks was this afternoon notified of his nomination by the Republican party for the high office of vice-president. Ex-Secretary of War Elihu Root delivered the notification speech.

Politics ruled in the Indiana capital today, the Democratic state con-

vention being in session and the streets being filled with enthusiastic followers of both parties. Two hundred guests participated in Senator Fairbanks' notification ceremony and in a luncheon which was served in the tent.

Replying to Root's address, Senator Fairbanks said he accepted the nomination with a profound sense of the dignity and responsibilities of the exalted position, and plunged into a review and discussion of the policies of the Republican party.

EXPORTS OF FLOUR SHOW BIG INCREASE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 3.—On account of the Russo-Japanese war more than half a million dollars' worth of flour was sent to Japan from Pacific coast ports in the 12 months ended June 30 in excess of the shipments of the previous year, according to statistics published to-

day by the department of commerce and labor.

The figures show the exports of this commodity from Tacoma, Seattle and Portland for Oriental ports in the fiscal year amounted to 2,328,704 barrels, as compared with 1,730,706 barrels in the previous year.

TELEPHONE FIGHT NEARING THE END

The fate of the telephone franchise will probably be settled by the council tonight. There has been but little change in the attitude of the councilmen since the last meeting and the vote will be close whichever way it goes.

LITTLE JAP WOMAN IN A SORRY PLIGHT

Kaguo Tagowa, a Japanese nurse, who came across the Pacific to enter