

**POINTS ON FREAKS.**

**SOME BORN TO THE PROFESSION, OTHERS THRUST UPON IT.**

Of Nature Hasn't Been Kind to You in Giving You an Odd Number of Limbs or Miraculous Adornments Where They Ought Not to Be, You Must Achieve Notoriety.

"Any one who has remarked the gregarious element in human nature, which makes every one eager to see what the other has seen, will not marvel at the success which notoriety has attained in the show business," said the manager of a popular museum.

"Notoriety, no matter how and where obtained, is just so much stock in trade, and people in our line of work are willing to pay any price for it. To make no account of the money value of the advertisement, they are delighted to know that they are being talked about and speculated about, and to see their names in the newspapers. You see how high that dome is?" he continued, pointing to the arched space far above the ropes and bars stretched across for acrobatic performances.

"Well, a man came in here, offered to jump from its highest point down to the floor so as to make a name for himself. It would have been certain death, you know, to attempt it, but he said he had practiced jumping, knew how to manage and would escape injury. He begged to be allowed to make the jump and was much cast down at our refusal.

"That man only expected to jump once. After having performed the feat he felt that he would be a curiosity worth money to see.

"Anyway, we business people see that the public crave amusement of this kind, and we are delighted to gratify them.

"At the time of the 'White Cap' agitation, when there was so much talk in the papers about their outrages, a man offered to exhibit himself as a tarred and feathered victim just returned from the west, and we let him do it. Moreover, the public encouraged him to do it, for they came in flocks to see him. The tattooed woman who was paid \$100 a day was tattooed right here in New York, but the work was marvelously well done, and the fairy tale about her, as told by the showman, only heightened the crowd's interest and harmed nobody. She was represented in the story as having been stranded on one of the Sandwich islands, shipwrecked, with her husband, who was put to death. Her life was spared, but she was put to torture, having these extraordinary characters tattooed all over her body. There were from 500 to 700 people at each one of the 31 daily performances at which that tattooed woman was exhibited, and all were pleased at the show, for which they paid 10 cents."

"Do many of these freaks, remarkable for various reasons, get fine salaries?"

"Indeed they do. We paid a certain midget \$700 a week. Her father and the family traveled with her, and got rich out of it. Then that wonderful Oregon horse with the trailing mane and tail was paid \$900 a week for several months. The two headed negro girl, or girls, has made a fortune, and I could mention any number of celebrated freaks who have profited financially.

"Each day we get letters from all over the country—all over the world—offering us freaks of nature. This one sends a photograph of a sheep having a fifth leg and hoof growing out of his shoulder. This one sends a cow with a horn projecting from her back. Here is a letter from a handless man in West Virginia. He writes with his toes and writes a very good letter."

That box of photographs unearthed from little used recesses to refresh the showman's mind! What a galaxy, not of beauty, but of the bizarre and the grotesque! Bearded women taken in decollete gowns, their masculine faces in revolting contrast to the feminine neck and arms; men without legs or arms; tremendously fat men, and men so thin that they were photographed prone upon a couch, limp and helpless; men who had starved themselves in order to live. The strong woman is there, and her remarkable sister, with a veritable horse's mane growing upon her back.

"That was a clever scheme this fellow devised," said the showman, adjusting his glasses so as to view a likeness. "He represented himself as having a gunshot wound through and through the body, and then he fixed up an optical delusion apparatus which made it appear that people could look straight through him. We displayed a colored photograph at the back, and the people could see that picture on the other side of the man. You have no idea what a furore there was about it. That was down on the Bowery. Everybody wanted to look through the man with the gunshot wound. Then, finding that the man was such a howling success a woman fixed herself up as having been speared through the body with her husband's bayonet, the victim of cruelty and brutality. We fixed it for the crowd to look through her, and she was no end of a success. She stood there surrounded by red curtains with a pathetic, rapt look on her face, and the people couldn't get enough of looking through her at the bouquet of flowers displayed at her back.

"People will delight in signs and wonders as long as the world endures," added the showman, "and just so long will scientists and magicians cater to their desires. In Paris there is an institution where infants are made into freaks as systematically as flour is made into bread. Those in charge are skillful physicians, it is said, who know just how much the human anatomy can be crippled and cramped and distorted without injury to life. The babies' limbs are manipulated when tender and pliable, and they soon grow misshapen and grotesque."—New York Tribune.

**A FAST TRAIN.**

The Trip From Chicago to Atlanta to Be Made in Twenty-Six Hours.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—For the first time since the civil war, the Mason and Dixon line is just announced as having been permanently wiped off the railroad map of the United States.

The change is one of the results of the Atlanta exposition, and the Monon route is the road on which the historic record is made. General Passenger Agent F. J. Reed, of the Monon, states that success has at last crowned the efforts of the Monon people to secure a fast train from Chicago to Atlanta.

It has made definite arrangements with the Louisville and Nashville, the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis and the Western Atlantic to make such connections with its train from Chicago to Louisville as will amount to a through route between the two cities. This train will begin running Oct. 30. It will leave Chicago at 10:15 a. m. and arrive in Atlanta at 11:15 next morning, thus making the trip in 45 hours. Heretofore in the great territory from Cairo, Ill., at the mouth of the Ohio river as far east as the Allegheny mountains the break in continuous travel north or south across the old sectional line has been almost as complete, so far as the railroad system of the country is concerned, as if the ancient imaginary post line had been a veritable Chinese wall.

General Passenger Agent Reed and the other Monon officials were kept busy with congratulations from all quarters, particularly the largest cities in the states most closely affected by the memorable change.

**FATAL MINE FIRE.**

Four Men Lose Their Lives by the Explosion of a Lamp.

FRANKLIN, Wash., Oct. 18.—Fire broke out at night in the main hoisting slope of the Oregon Improvement company's mine, causing the death of John H. Glover, S. W. Smalley, John Adams and James Stafford. The accident was caused by August Johnson, who dropped a lamp, setting fire to a feeder.

Instead of throwing a shovel of dirt to put it out, he ran down the slope to get the pit foreman. While he was bringing help, the timbers caught fire and five lengths of brattice work were ablaze and the smoke became so intense as to prevent getting at it. Finding that the fire could not be extinguished, the four men named volunteered to go down and close a door between the main and auxiliary adve. They are supposed never to have reached the bottom alive, but the bodies have not been recovered.

**THURMAN REBUKED.**

The Thurman Club's Opinion of Deserters and Bulkers.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 18.—The Thurman club adopted a resolution declaring that the platform adopted at Springfield should stand as the doctrine of the party until the national convention of next year has spoken, and deprecating the action of any Democrat who "fails to maintain his place in the party or falters in a loyal and enthusiastic support of the whole Democratic ticket."

The resolution is aimed at Allen W. Thurman, who is a member of the club, and is leading the free silver revolt. The club is almost unanimously opposed to the free silver movement.

**Chicago Financially Embarrassed.**

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—The city of Chicago is "broke." It is now proposed to cut the fire and police departments from one-third to one-half, and to scale down other branches of the public service to an extent that will practically amount to their temporary abolition. On the authority of Comptroller Wathrell, it is stated that there is no other way out of the embarrassment. The city is running behind at the rate of \$1,000,000 a year, and has a floating debt of \$8,000,000, accumulated during six years.

**Failed to Keep His Engagement.**

MOUNT PLEASANT, Ky., Oct. 18.—E. Overton was to have been hanged here for the double murder of Gus Loeb, an old pedler, and his wife. As it was to be the first legal hanging that ever took place in Harlan county the event was anticipated with the greatest of expectations by thousands. Orders for reports of the execution came in fast, but the event was indefinitely postponed by the escape some weeks ago of Overton, and there is still no clue to the whereabouts of the murderer.

**The Forger Ships Out.**

MEMPHIS, Oct. 18.—A. K. Ward, the absconding treasurer and member of the Memphis Barrel and Heading company, left here with his wife on the southbound Illinois Central train Tuesday afternoon, and it is thought he took passage for Honduras on the steamer Drake Broadway, which left New Orleans Thursday. It is now thought that Ward's operations in forged papers will exceed \$100,000. All of the paper was negotiated here, in New York and other eastern cities.

**General Mahone's Judgment.**

RICHMOND, Oct. 18.—Hon. W. P. Moore, of Petersburg, states that shortly before General Mahone's death he asked him who, in his judgment, was the ablest man in the United States senate. The general, without hesitation, replied, naming Quay. He said he believed Quay was, in many respects, one of the greatest men in the country.

**A Terrible Death.**

RICHMOND, Ky., Oct. 18.—Joe F. Johnson, head sawyer at Soaper's lumber mill, near Valleyview, was instantly killed about 9 o'clock a. m. by falling in front of a mill carriage, which caught him beneath its ponderous rollers. He was about 45 years old.

**Explosion Kills Six Hundred Men.**

SHANGHAI, Oct. 18.—An explosion occurred on a steamship at Kung Pa, near Kinchow. The steamship was loaded with troops and it is reported that 600 of them were killed.

**WELAKA SQUIDS.**

Correspondence Times-Herald.

WELAKA, October 29.

Two immense cypress rafts passed down the river this week, each containing about a half million feet, the largest ever seen here.

There are now at work up the Ocklawaha ten log pulling machines, all of which work gangs of men, which goes to show that much money is passing about. Mr. Smith, who has the contract, is an able man for the business, and seems to undertake contracts in the Florida swamps which would make an ordinary man back out. We wish him deserved success.

H. H. Bryant has returned from a two months' outing among the hills and mountains of North Carolina. Going away from here a mere skeleton and in a low condition generally, he returns looking as he did twenty years ago, having added some 25 pounds to his avoirdupoise and about a ton in spirits. We hope he may retain all this good. His strange, nearly all now have North Carolinians on the brain, and were it in the summer quite an exodus might take place.

Two of our most popular young men, Guy Reynolds and Clarence Greenwood, left to-day for the big show. They are heartily envied, so many wanting to go, but many cripples among them, which makes counting cross-lies out of the question. We will make it up by hearing all about it on their return, for young men don't always go off to admire the scientific inventions and general display of advancement, but often take in the midway, Buffalo Bill's show and other jamborees of a less nature. See it all, boys, for after awhile you will have families and won't dare take in all the sights. I am almost afraid the boys will get buncoed or their pockets picked. All this is good to learn when young.

Mr. C. S. Packard has returned, after a four months' trip about New York, looking fresh and vigorous. The average person would think him about 45 years old, and would be greatly surprised to find he had passed.

Mrs. Henle of Sisco, is visiting Welaka, the guest of Mrs. Waldron.

These evenings are getting very long, and I wish I could teach Colonel Bard how to play a first-class game of "cinch." I think by spring he would become an average player—i. e., by taking six lessons per week, and I have the courage to remark that I might make an improvement on G. W. at "Old Sledge." I feel very safe when fifty miles are between us, but at the same time would like to burn oil at it any evening.

We are pleased to see the palace steamers on the river again, and hope they may carry a good lot of tourists this season.

A recent trip to DeLand shows no improvement over our country. Groves are about as dead; no money lying around there loose more than here, and farmers are bringing in chickens, corn, some garden sass, potatoes, etc. We can live as well as any of them; can raise as good crops, and there are many more gophers here, and as to fish we are a way ahead of all.

I am afraid Hutteress has been "cabled," for there is much temptation up that way in the way of new dishes, new buildings and a boss cook. It almost makes one's mouth water to think of what might be taking place on the Island. In that line if there is a superabundance just whistle for BUCKEYE.

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The chief of the United States Weather Bureau imparts information of importance to truck men and fruit-growers in regard to the protection of their winter crops against cold. He says: "When a high pressure area is moving from the west, and clearer and colder weather is anticipated, with the probability that the early morning temperature will permit the formation of frost, the most important elements to be considered in determining whether or not frost will occur to such an extent as to be injurious to growing crops are as follows: First, has rain fallen recently, and what is the condition of the soil relative to the amount of moisture contained? Second, what are the natural properties of the soil relative to the slow or rapid loss of heat by radiation? Third, to what degree of heat has vegetation been subjected during the period immediately previous? Anything that seriously interferes with the rapid loss of heat after twilight tends to prevent the formation of frost. Moisture does this, and if the soil is well charged with it, it partakes greatly of the stable temperature condition of water, and cools but little, if any, below the temperature of the superincumbent air, and no frost occurs even though all the conditions of clearness, gentle winds, and cool air obtain. A half-inch of rain, evenly distributed, is enough to counteract many early frost nips.

"This life is all a mist, and in the dark our fortunes meet us." as the fellow exclaimed who proposed to a rich girl and was accepted while going through a railroad tunnel.

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