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OLD SHOWMAN SEES PASSING OF THE CIRCUS

Visions It Deteriorating Every Year; Same True of Minstrelsy

ELEPHANT ATTACK ENDS PLAY IN TENT

Barnum Recalled As Quiet, Reserved Man; Bailey As "Good Mixer"

NEW YORK, March, 2—There is one man, at least, to whom the old time wagon train circus carried a greater thrill than the five-ring show of today.

He is Fred Runnells, who played under the tent in many countries before being a participant in the first circus venture of P . T. Barnum.

"TOM THUMB" HURTS HIM

Back in 1893, "Thom Thumb," a giant elephant that killed nine persons while with the Barnum show and later was placed in the Bronx Zoo, only to be electrocuted because of his continued ferociousness, attacked and serously injured Runnells.

His circus life ended, the veteran turned to the stage and vaudeville, where work was less strenuous. Today, he is a cripple and is in retirement.

"In the old days, the young served apprenticeship in the proper school and worked up to good places," he said. "They were days of the circus family when one generation after another followed the profession. Now things are different; people just drift in.

"Every year, I see the circus deteriorating. The same thing is true of minstrelsy. No longer have we any pantomine. The circuses are dropping away gradually."

Runnells started in the circus game when he was five years old, appearing in pantomine sketches with Madame McCart's show in Scotland. He was the third member of a troupe composed of his father and brother. Later, he broke into riding and appeared with Howers and Cushings show in London, performing before the royal family.

TRAVELS IN BRITAIN

Then he traveled successively with several shows in England, Ireland, Wales, Spain and Portugal, where the king witnessed the performance. He toured Russia and Prussia and the went to Paris.

The old L. B. Lent circus, which was located on 14th street in New York, had his services three years. He was at Niblo's in 1870 and 1871, playing in "The Black Crook." He played with Barnum, off and on, fourteen years. In 1876, he went to South America, where he had many exciting experiences crossing the Andes with Carlo Brother's show.

The old Cooper and Bailey circus was his next connection—and so on down the line until he was injured by "Thom Thumb."

"Barnum was a quiet and reserved man," Runnells said. "We never saw much of him because he didn't mix with the performers. He would attend the show and then leave. Essentially, he was a business man—a good one.

"Bailey was a great showman. He was a good mixer and at the same time was very strict. He liked people who loved thier work. Once he had confidence in a man he would do anything for him."

Palm Beach Society Matrons Lend Butlers

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 3.—"If you'll lend me a couple of butlers for Saturday night, I'll lend you two or three for your party on Tuesday."

This has been a not uncommon conversation between two society matrons, for the practice of borrowing butlers for special occasions has sprung up this season.

Florenz Ziegfeld, J. J. O'Brien and Joseph Riter are among those who loaned Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury eight butlers for her party recently.

Mrs. Stotesbury's staff of servants numbers forty-nine, but she professed to be short of butlers and had to send out the S. O. S.

Death For Killing Of Sables In Russia

YAKUTSK, Siberia, March 3—Sable skins, the costliest and rarest of furs, are becoming so rare that the government has decided to prohibit further shooting of the animals. Whoever shall shoot one, says the new regulation, will himself be shot.

As in North America, sables in Russia have been diminishing.

DECISION SOON ON BIG INDIAN CLAIM

Suit Called Test Case Involving Land Worth Three Billion Dollars

ALBANY, March 3.—Judge Frank Cooper is expected to hand down soon in the Federal court here his decision in an action brought by the St. Regis Tribe of Indians which, should they prove successful, will result in an effort on their part to recover their ancestral lands in Northern New York, including the City of Syracuse and several small towns, the estimated value of whose land is about 3,000,000,000.

The suit was brought against the St. Lawrence River Power Company by James Deere, who represents the St. Regis Tribe, a part of the six nations. It was argued before Judge Cooper in the Federal court on Nov. 19 last and briefs have been filed on both sides. Charles E. Hughes appeared for the defendants.

OVERPLAYS ITS PART.

PLATTSVILLE, Wis., March 3 — Hopper Norris tried to keep his feet warm on a cold night by turning on an electric bulb and putting it next to his feet under the cover. Then he slept. When he awoke he was enveloped in smoke and his feet were much too warm. The bed was afire.

REMARKABLE GOOD BEING DONE

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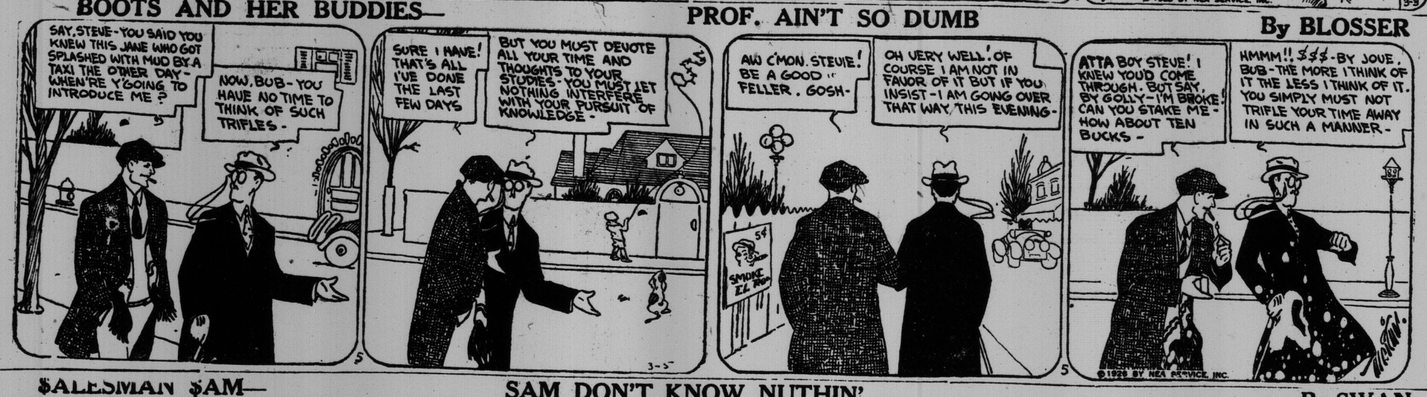

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