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Law Is Doing Its Job In Wash'ton

Officials in the State of Washington believe their strict fund raising laws are already changing the way things are done within their state.

For instance, they say that fewer professional fund raising operations are finding it possible to work in the state. Shows and carnival type operations that specialize in selling tickets through charitable organizations are now by-passing Washington.

Raymond C. Whaling, Assistant Administrator in the Division of Professional Licensing, reports the laws may see more of the public's money going to the charity for which it was intended. He says the average person believes that at least

50% of his donation goes to the charity, but the fact is that only 20% goes there, the rest is absorbed by the fund raiser.

The law requires registration of all charitable fund raising efforts and disclosure of how much money goes for sel-

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The Bomb Tragedy

Several show people, according to the Honolulu paper, were at the Los Angeles Airport, waiting for their plane, when the tragic bomb explosion took place. All were enroute to the islands where they were set to appear with the Int'l 3-Ring Circus at Honolulu and Maui.

One group of performers were already in flight to the islands. The others, including Arturo Tostl, the Niccolinis, Mildred Hall, Phil Mc Donald, Neil Kay, Norbert Kreisch, and Emmett Kelly and wife, were all near the exploding bomb. Only

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A Nice Visit

Caught the Beatty-Cole Show at Lewiston (Maine) on July 14 and enjoyed their program. It seems they have an even better show than last year.

Johnny Harriott's two horse acts - liberty and dressage - were excellent. Another great number is Dave Hoover's cat act with a roll over lion and a tiger jumping a hurdle.

.....Hugo Marquardt

Miscellaneous

Vandals broke into the R888 Blue Unit train at Oakland, Cal. (Aug. 20) and stole about \$1,500 worth of meats and food.

According to reports the De Wayne Circus is currently in Alaska playing repeat dates.

Frenzen Bros. Circus is using a 60 x 120 ft (blue and white) top. Their marquee is orange.

On Sept. 8th, R888's Circus World Showcase (Florida) will celebrate its 200th day

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Added Notes

Allen's Pet Zoo has just purchased a new 1974 International truck, which will be used to replace an old one. The show currently travels on three trucks, not two as was previously stated.

The show recently wound up its 1974 bookings, which will keep the show on the road until Dec. 24th, closing at Oxnard, Calif.

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RAIN SLOWS SHOW'S PACE....by TOM MORRISON

Despite reports to the contrary the George-Matthews Circus played Canton, Ohio (Aug. 19). The mix-up was caused by fueding fire chiefs, with one Volunteer Chief signing up the circus and not conferring with the others.

The show drew about a quarter house for the matinee and a 3/4 house for the evening show which was to have started at 8:15 p.m. About 7:30 the worst electrical storm of the season set in, with strong gusty winds. The weathermen said that a full inch of rain came down in a 60 minute period.

One bolt of lightning hit close to the show and knocked out its PA system. They gave a fast show and everyone looked as if they'd rather be someplace else - and I couldn't blame them there.

The tent looks good, but the rolling equipment shows signs of travel and a long tour. Their prices were \$3.50 and \$2.50 at the door, with an extra \$1.00 for the center section of reserved seats. Most concessions sell for 40¢ and the side show charged 50¢ each.

The circus program includes:

- The Pollos - aerial cradle
- Alphonso - lions
- Clowns (Wallboy, Monky, Sparky)
- The Frauensteins
- Great Lothar - one finger stand
- Great Huberto - slide for life
- The Clowns
- Alphonso - liberty horses
- Aerial ballet - 5 girls
- The Frauensteins - plate spin.
- Los Latinos - tightwire
- Sparky, the clown - magic cane
- Miss Jen - single trapeze
- Alphonso and Cindy - elephants
- The Clowns
- Ronritas - sky wheel

BOMB TRAGEDY (Continued)

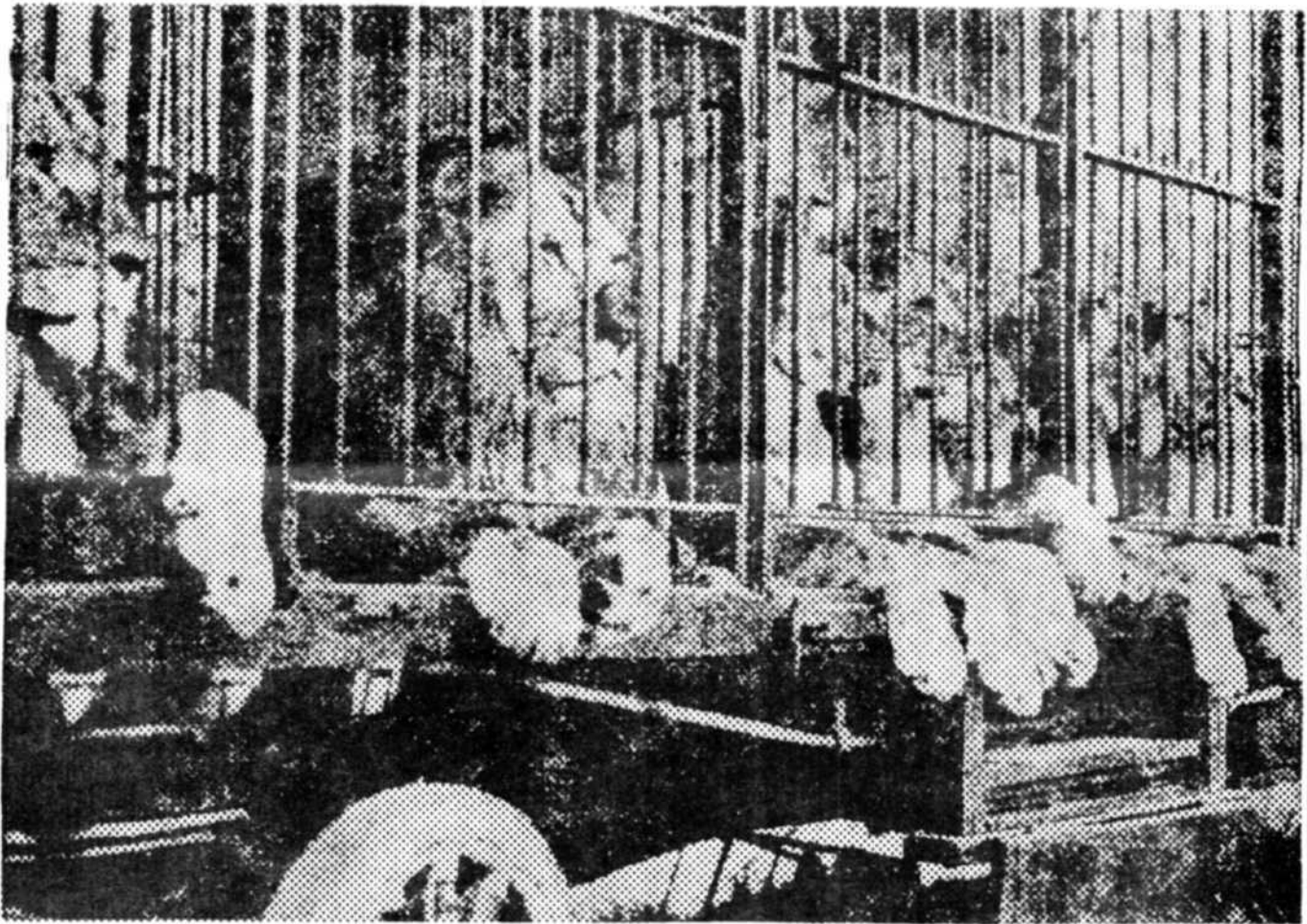
Arturo was injured.

Mildred Hall told reporters the ceiling was lifted up and then fell back down again. She was near Arturo and rushed back to him, but said she didn't recognize him because of the injuries and rumber that were imbedded in his body.

Emmett Kelly's wife described the bomb as sounding just like those she heard during the war in Germany.

That same paper carried a picture of two circus elephants walking to the show building after getting off a Matson ship.





Looking Back 70 Years Ago This Week

FIERCE STORM WRECKED BARNUM & BAILEY AT IOWA CITY - Sept. 1, 1904.

(Extracted from Bernum & Bailey route book by Eric Wilson, of Iowa City).

C.R.I. and P.Ry., 32 miles. Arrived early, Good lot about 1½ miles from town and a mile to the runs. Weather cloudy and hot. Matinee packed. At 6:50 p.m. a severe electrical storm struck us, completely demolishing the big top and doing considerable damage to the massive rigging which was up and ready for the night show. The side show had opened to a fair crowd and the performance was about half finished in that department when Mgr. George Arlington hustled everyone out and Whitey Driscoll lowered and extinguished the gasoline lights.

All the side show people were in safe places when the storm struck. The large torches in the menagerie were damaged to such an extent that oil escaped and ignited. For a time it appeared that the menagerie would be destroyed entirely by the fire but the flames were extinguished by brave men and the heavy rain which poured through the immense rents in the top.

One or two cages were overturned and outside of that no other damage was done in that department. The big top fared badly. The first cyclonic wind lifted it up like a balloon and brought it down over seats and the huge aerial apparatus, tearing the canvas into ribbons. The light men did not have time to extinguish the lights which exploded and set fire to the canvas which was badly burned.

The heavy rain finally helped to put out the flames. The

estimated damage to show property was about \$8,000. Had the storm struck an hour earlier there would have been casualties. About 10 o'clock another storm struck, but did no damage since the tents were packed and the show nearly loaded.

-- NOTES OF THE STORM --

Supt. Frank Hyatt gave orders to remove the elephants and lead stock about five minutes before the storm struck. There was a large audience clamoring for admission to the main entrance, but Manager Harvey Watkins and some of the clear-sighted men at the front end held them back. George Hall and his trusty crew kept the side show tent from going "before the wind."

The candy butchers worked to keep the quarter poles from jumping skyward. Morgan shot

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ROUTES

- Allen's Pet Zoo
Sep. 5-8 Reno, Nev.
- Beatty-Cole Circus
Sep. 2 Waukegan, Ill.
3 Racine, Wisc.
4 Madison
5 Crystal Lakes,
6 Northbrook Ill
7 Freeport
8 La Salle
- Hubert Castle Circus
Sep. 6-8 London, Ont.
- Circus Verges
Sep. 2 Danbury, Conn.
3-4 New Haven
5-6 Waterbury
7 Kingston, N.Y.
- Franzen Bros. Circus
Sep. 1-2 Janesville, Wisc
3 Richmond, Ill.
4-5 Marengo
6 Buda
7-8 Kewaunee
- Carson & Barnes Circus
Aug. 29 Delhi, Ind.
- Gatti-Charles Circus
Sep. 2-4 Calgary, Alberta
5 Red Deer
6 Camrose
7-8 Edmonton

- Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit
Sep. 4-8 Fresno, Cal.
- Ringling-Barnum Red Unit
Sep. 3-4 Green Bay, Wisc
6-8 Milwaukee
- Royal Lichtenstein Circus
Sept. 8 San Jose, Cal.
- Sells & Gray Circus
Sep. 2 Mastic, L.I., N.Y.
3 Westhampton
4 Merrick
5 No. Brunswick, NJ
6 Open
7 White Plains, N.Y.
8 Sparrowbush
- John Strong 1869 Circus
Sep. 2 La Grande, Ore.
3-5 Open
6 Yakima, Wash.
7 Wenatchee
8 Open
- OTHER ROUTES
- Admission Day Parade
Sept. 9 Hayward, Calif.
- Antique Car Classics
Sept. 7 Oakland, Cal.
- Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
to Sep 7 Gainesville, Ga.
- Century 21 Shows - Red Unit
Sep. 4-7 Dickson, Tenn.
- Roy C. J. Show
Sep. 7-8 Spencer, Iowa

Miscellaneous

KOO KOO, the Magic Clown worked at the Plaza in El Cerrito (Calif.) on Aug 31. Free balloons, candy and train rides were available for the kiddies.

Lion County Safari, in Southern California, has found a new source of income. They're selling lion manure to local farmers.

Rumors were circulating late last week that a big tented circus had folded for lack of funds. There is no confirmation at this time and no one, it seems, wants to comment too much on the event.

The Beatty-Cole Circus has announced plans to play Canton, Ohio late this month.

TOM UPTON has been showing circus and comedy films on a daily basis for personnel of the Ringling Blue Unit at the Cow Palace.

We need news, routes and other information for next week's - please rush your items right away.

George Matthews Circus
Sep. 2 Findley, Ohio
3 Enroute
4 Adrian, Mich.
5 Enroute
6 Springfield
7-8 Portage

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Sept. 2 Bayville, N.J.
3 Open
4 Bayonne
5 Totowa State Sc
6 Morris Plains
7 Kearny
8 Wayne

Key Bros. Mini Circus
Sep. 5-8 Reno, Nev.

King Bros. Circus
Sep. 2 Winona, Minn.
3 Rochester
4 Faribault
5 Stillwater
6 Ladysmith, Wisc
7 Medford
8 Wausau

Lewis Bros. Circus
Sept. 2 Steelton, Pa.
3 Mt. Wolf
4 Shippensburg
5 Newport
6 Open
7 Lemoyne
8 Reading

Polack Bros. Circus
Sep. 4 Medford, Ore.
7-8 Bellingham, Wash

James H. Draw Shows
Sep. 7-7 Newport, Tenn.

Frazie World Fair Shows
Sep. 4-8 Windon Rock, Ariz

Magic Capades (Kramien)
Sep. 4-15 Spokane, Wash.

Roller Derby
Sept. 6 Oakland, Calif.

Rose City Rides
Sep. 4-7 Salem, Mo.

Tip Top Shows
Sep. 5-8 Richl'd Cent, Wisc



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GET OVER A
VACATION---



people

FRANK HANNON (Ho-Po, the Clown) is shown on the right as he prepares one of his clown gags. He worked for Don Francisco and the Maine Shrine Dates.

EDDIE HOWE, Jr., has left the Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit to take a permanent job with the Anaheim Convention Center in Southern California.

CHECKERS and POGO, popular Hawaiian TV Clowns, made a guest appearance at the I'tl 3-Ring Circus in Honolulu on Aug. 8th.

CLARK McDERMOTT recently returned to Burlington, Wisc. after playing dates in Denver.

LLOYD LGAN, clown, has been touring with the Roberts Bros Circus this season.

MARVIN GABEL recently visited the Dailey Bros., Carson & Barnes and King Bros. Circus in the mid-west area.

ARTURO TO TOSTL is still hospitalized at Hawthorne Com. Hospital (Hawthorne, Calif) after being injured in that Los Angeles Airport explosion.

JOHN MOLINARI (band leader) and wife SHARON are the parents of a baby daughter (Teresa) born last month. Sharon had been working as a ticket seller and office clerk on the George Matthews Circus.

GENE LEE, clown, was one of



several clowns that delivered the sermon at a Congregational Church in Whitewater, Wisc.

DAVE DAGUE has taken over the job previously handled by CHESTER CABLE on the George Matthews Circus. He is assisted by the clown MATCHES.

JEAN GORMAN, an RBBB aerial performer, received a full page write-up in the Oakland, Calif. Tribune on Aug. 23, 1974.

FRANK and SHARON MYOGORSI are the parents of a baby girl (Gabrielle) born at Regina, Canada on Aug. 9th.

HARRY CHIPMAN has been promoted to Display Advertising Manager for three Southern California newspapers.

BOBBY KAYE, retired clown, visited the RBBB Red Unit during its date at Salt Lake City.

JOHNNY LUXEM will have his Wheel of Destiny at the Lincoln County Fair (Beamsville, Ont.) this week.



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Six Shows Play Peru Festival Days

A total of six circuses have been playing at Lima (Peru) during that nation's annual Independence Day and Church Holiday festivities. They've attracted the attention of showman from all over the world, including The Felds, Trolle Rhodin, Atayde and others.

One of the circuses was the Las Vegas Int'l Circus, which played for eight weeks at the Amante Arena, which seats 35,000 people. This show's program featured:

Show Visit Ends

A brief tour with the Carson & Barnes Circus recently came to an end for Eric and Betty Wilson completing their circus year. They were with the show at Whitewater, Watertown, Adams, Beraboo and Darlington (all in Wisconsin) and report the show had some good lots and nice crowds.

"We have high praise for everyone on the show," says Eric. "It is a well run and interesting operation."

About 11 p.m., during the teardown at Darlington it rained and the only exit from the lot was across a banked dirt track in the fairgrounds. The Wilson's rig made it across with no problem, but most of the show equipment had to be snaked out with the aid of one or two elephants.

The former Bertok elephants, Betty and Bunnie, reports Eric, are now on Carson & Barnes.

Marie Farfan; sword balancing; two girl cradle act; The Amazing Monahans; Steve McPeak; a sponge dive; Charlie Charles; Geze Szabo, juggler; The Flying Viennas; Lancelot-Link chimps; Farfans with motorcycle on a high platform and many others.



Another show playing Lima was the Tehary Circus, which has been described as better than any Las Vegas revue you can see. The circus performance is presented under a tent, with a wooden floor and a 50' x 60' stage.

The circus features about 20 ballet girls, has beautiful curtains, lighting and costumes. They have a Roman number with a horse drawn chariot, an elephant and a Christian who wrestles with a lion. Other features include a dancing waters unit, and lavish production numbers, with at least 15 presentations in each performance.

Please recommend Circus Report to your friends - it will help.

The Circus Royale

The Circus Royale, produced by the Al Martin Agency of Boston, Mass., played for five days (Aug. 13-17) at the Altamont Fair in New York.

The show's band was directed by Al Torkin, while Charlie Van Biskirk was the ringmaster.

The program featured:-

Frank's jungle cats
Bisbini - unsupported ladders
Clowns - Mike Monroe, Frank Hen-
non, Al Libby
The Cyclonians - bicycles
The Clowns - Mr. Tall Hat
Tiebor Alexander's dogs
Miss Yolanda - trapeze
The Clowns - Cannon act
Oscar Cristiani - elephants

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LOOKING BACK (Continued)

through the air like a rocket, trying to hold a pole down. He went up through one slit in the canvas and came down through another, landing unhurt on top of a cage. Morgan says in coming down he met another butcher going up.

Marie, the English fat girl was rescued in a remote corner of the lot and brought to safety under a wagon. Eli Bowen, the legless wonder, was among the first off the lot. Eli and Geo. Brown, the skeleton man, were in a coach and on their way to the sleepers before the storm had fairly struck.

The cook tent, horse tents and smaller tents were down and packed. The rigging of the Silbon-Siegrist troupe was damaged to the extent of \$1,000. That of the Clarkonians suffered almost as badly.

A telegram was sent to Bridgeport and that night a reserve top was loaded for shipment to Oskaloosa.

Sept. 2, Muscatine, Iowa --
54 miles. Weather clear and pleasant. Huge crowd in town. No performances today. Torn tents repaired as much as possible. Side show gave four performances to big returns. Ferally's band made a town of the town on a trolley car.

(NOTE: The new big top arrived in Oskaloosa on Sept. 5).

LAW IS WORKING (Continued)

aries and expenses. The law also stipulates that no more than 20% of the gross collection can be spent on salaries and other costs. In sale or benefit affairs, costs are limited to 55% with salaries limited to 20% of that figure.

Professional fund raisers are feeling the pinch, Whalen reports. They are usually the ones who have phone rooms and then sell tickets for a show or program.

Recently a fund raising promotion for an Indian group in Spokane was stopped. The group had signed a contract with a professional fund raiser, who was connected with an Ohio firm. Neither was registered in the State of Washington, and under the terms of the contract, the professional fund raiser would have taken 90% of the money that was raised. As a result the Indian group sold their own tickets and realized a much better profit for themselves.

Note

KGO Radio (San Francisco) has been pushing for a ban on games of chance at carnivals playing fairs within the state.

The PNE program (Vanc, BC) lists the Dairyland Circus for two performances each day (This is probably the Wallace & Rogers Circus).