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New Records Set For Western Tour

Good increases have been recorded for the month of July on the west Coast by the Wonderful World of Horses, which stars The Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show. Producer Gary Lashinsky traveled with the show in July and reports that the gross business was up 20% overall in California, as compared to 1973.

The Los Angeles area engagement (includes 11 performances in Los Angeles, Long Beach, Anaheim and San Bernardino) grossed nearly \$200,000. The San Francisco and Oakland engagements (six performances) grossed a total of \$90,000. The total gross for the month, which started at Reno (July 2) and concluded in San Francisco (July 30) amounted to \$375,000, with some 75,000 people paying tickets for the show.

For its date at Expo 74, in Spokane, the show added two extra performances to its schedule because of the heavy demand for tickets. Some 25,000 to 30,000 people were expected to attend the show during its three day stand there.

The Fair Unit of The Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show also enjoyed a successful month of July, performing before almost 80,000 people at the Spirit of America Fair (Saratoga, N.Y.).

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RECORD RUN

The RBBB Blue Unit made a record run from Anaheim to Long Beach the night of Aug. 13th, according to Eddie Howe, Jr. who is with the show's transportation dept.

The show train was loaded in a record time of two hours after the finale at Anaheim on Aug. 13th. Then the S. P. railroad moved the train, including the switching through Los Angeles to Long Beach in two hours, with the train sitting on the siding at 4 a.m.

Showman III

Cecil "Mac" Roberts, a 35 year veteran on Ringling-Barnum and probably the longest term old-timer with the Big One, is critically ill at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital (Miami, Fla.).

He became ill while on the road with the Big One (Blue Unit) and was recently flown to the Miami Hospital.

"Mac" was the show's AB agent, mailman and driver of the show bus, between the train and buildings. During his years of association with RBBB he has served in many capacities.

Paymaster-Timekeeper Alvir "Schwertzie" Schwartz, who is himself a 20 year veteran on Ringling, as a performer and recently in charge of working departments, has started a fund on the show to assist Mac's wife with the hospital expenses.



The sale of a circus, announced early this year and then denied, is expected to be confirmed this week, generally reliable news

sources report.

Circus officials and potential buyers have been meeting in Boston in hopes of completing the sale before the current season ends.

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The Big John Strong & Son Circus came into Lincoln, Nebr., to play a new location and without a sponsor, yet did fair business. The show also followed the Stebbing Circus in by about a week.

This year's show is larger than in the past for it now travels on five trucks, plus several campers and trailers. The big tent is 180 x 80 and has the usual circus-type marquee. Due to the limited amount of space

at the Belmont Plaza, the side show top was not set up. Instead the side show was offered in the center ring, as a concert after the big show was over.

We think this year's program is the finest show John has ever produced. Due to his accident last year John Jr., is not doing his usual gymnastic acts, but he hopes to be back at it soon. Linde was ill with the flu and her place was being taken by Heidi Wendany.

Music is provided by Harry Jenkins, Sr. at the organ and Bob Clerk on the drums. They turn out some good music for each act.

The Mills Bros. Circus was always famous for its hospitality to the Circus fan and John equals that and more. This is always a friendly show with the red carpet rolled out for the visiting guests.

The program here had:
 The Canistrelli's - tumbling
 Harry Jenkins, Jr - comedy gor.
 Heidi Wendany - dog act
 Big John - trained macaw
 The Wal-Tims - risley

Clown juggler (Eddie)
 Tex Goatch - trained chimp
 John Strong, Jr - juggling
 Big John - ony drill (3)
 Clown comedy juggling
 The Canistrelli's - ladder act
 -- Intermission --
 The Canistrelli's - tight wire
 Sandy Strong - swinging ladder
 Clown on swinging ladder
 Color book pitch
 Tex Goatch - Neena, the elephant
 -- CONCERT --
 Fire eating (Canestrelli); John Strong, Jr. with snake, magic, freak calf, huge dog.

..... Bill Green

notes

Ringling-Barnum's Blue Unit held auditions for new ballet girls at Oakland, Calif. and is scheduled to hold new clown auditions in San Francisco.

Show folks on RBBB's Blue Unit were busy last week seeing the town and washing and repairing their house trailers

TV Bookings

Several novelty acts have been booked by agent Simone Finer for appearances on the Johnny Carson "Tonight Show". Among the acts scheduled for appearances in August are: Bill Fraser, acrobatic contortions; Gene Detroy and the Marquis Chimps.

SHOW BIZ

Acts reportedly working at Expo 74 (Spokane, wash.) during the month of August include:

- Mandrake, the magician
- Frenchie, the clown
- T. J., the clown
- Tom Howe and Marie McDonald
- unicycles/juggling

PEOPLE

Coco, the Clown, is currently working at an amusement park in New Jersey. He plans to tour with a clown band this winter.

STEVE SMITH and TIM TOCKILDSON, R888 Blue Unit advance clowns, recently purchased a new motor home.

GIAN FRANCO RUFFINI, the famous shirt designer, recently released a series of hand painted sport shirts with circus scenes.

TOM UPTON and PAT ARIETA were among the visitors recently attending the Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit.

OUTLOOK GOOD

Although there has been a lack of rain, with some extreme heat, the Bernes & Daily Circus has been drawing good business each day. In fact, says showman Jim Silverlake, "it seems to have gotten better since we got north of Des Moines, Iowa."

The 90 minute program, with 14 numbers, is currently being presented under last year's Lewis Bros. tent, a 60 ft. round end top with one 30 ft. center. A new 40 ft. center piece is on order, for earlier this year the show's tent was damaged in a storm.

Included in the show's rolling equipment is a seat truck, 2 elephant semis, side show and prop truck, water truck and a light plant.

An Animal and Side Show top (30 x 40) is red and white. Featured here are a baby jaguar, llama, Punch & Judy Show, a bag pipe player, fire eater and snake charmer. Admission is just 25¢.

The big show prices run \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children, with a special family offer of five members for just \$5.00.

BUCKLES WOODCOCK is still at R888'S Circus Park despite rumors to the contrary.

CAPSULES

The elephant "Hazel" took a stroll through downtown Doylestown, Pa. when the Hoxie Bros. Circus played there.

Joplin, Mo., had 5 inches of rain when the Hubert Castle Circus played that city.

Circus Vargas will give 5

FINALE

ELIZA JANE BANKS THOMAS, who was known as "Mom Melzour" of the Flying Melzours, died on Feb. 3 at the age of 87. The Flying Melzours were with RBBB from the 1920's to 1940's, and at the age of 65 she was still an active catcher. Survivors include two sons -- Melzer A. and Bill -- and a sister.

CHARLES F. HILDERA, known as Carlo the Clown, died last week at a Monterey (Calif.) hospital at the age of 91. Born on June 16, 1883, at Renova, Pa., he ran away as a youngster to join the circus. He was an aerialist, contortionist, juggler and bareback rider. In later years he turned to clowning and was a regular feature at the Monterey County Fair each year.

HERMAN (Dutch) VANDERUREG, who spent most of his life in show business, died on July 19 at Cameron, Texas. He had been an aerialist, tattoo artist, wrestler, etc. His wife Helen survives.

performances at New Britain, Conn., on Aug. 31-Sept. 1.

The San Diego (Cal) Zoo's 3 year old elephant "Scout" died early in July.

A bull dozer had to assist in getting Beatty-Cole show trucks off the muddy lot at Portland, Maine. Even then it took an elephant's help to get Dave Hoover's cat truck off.

Although RBBB's Blue Unit arrived in Oakland, Calif. early they couldn't get into the Coliseum until early Wednesday due to a tennis tournament.

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Allen's Pet Zoo

Aug 28-Sep 2 Oakland, Cal

Beatty-Cole Circus

Aug. 26 Toledo, Ohio
27 Ann Harbor, Mich
28 Battle Creek
29 Michigan City
30 Park For. Ind.

Carden - Johnson Circus

Aug 29-Sep 1 Birmingham, Ala

Clyde Bros. Circus

Aug 31-Sep 1 Gladewater, Texas

Circus Kirk

Aug. 26 Mayfield, Pa.
27 Blakely
28 Weatherly
29 Nesquehoning
30 Fredericksburg
31 Williams Grove
Sep. 1-2 Williams Grove
-- End of Tour --

Circus Vargas

Aug 26-28 Commack, NY
29-30 Nanaut
31-Sep 1 N. Britain, Can

Gatti-Charles Circus

Aug. 26-27 Saskatoon, Skt.
28 Prince Albert
29 No. Battleford
31 Lethbridge, At.
Sep. 1 Medicine Hat

Polack Bros. Circus

Aug 30-Sep 1 Reno, Nev.

Ringling's Blue Unit

Aug 28-Sep 2 San Fren, Cal

Ringling's Red Unit

Aug. 29-30 Sioux Falls, SD

Royal Lipizzen Show

Aug. 27 No. Battleford,
28 Saskatoon
29 Prince Albert
31 Winnipeg
Sep. 1 Winnipeg

Sells & Gray Circus

Aug. 26 Mystic, Conn.
27 No. Kingstown, R. I.
28 Westbrook, Conn
29 Yonkers, NY
30 Greenport, L. I.
31 Lake Grove
Sep. 1 Southampton

Shrine Circus

Aug 29-31 Birmingham, Ala.

John Strong Circus

Aug. 26 Idaho Falls, Ida
27 Pocatello
28 Twin Falls
29 Boise
30-31 Enroute
Sep. 1 Baker, Oreg.

Summer Circus

Aug 26-31 Southfield, Mich

Wall & Rogers Circus

to Sep 2 Vanc, BC



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Zoo Observes Centennial

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George Matthews Circus

Aug. 27 Ontario, Ohio
28-29 Whitehall
30 Sugar Grove
31 Marion

Happytime Circus

Aug. 27 Beale Air Base

Haviland's Dog & Pony Show

Aug 30-Sep 5 Van Wert, Oh

Hoxie Bros. Circus

Aug. 26 Bernardsville,
27 Norristown NJ
28 Whippany
29 West Milford
30 Lincoln Park
31 Vernon Twnsp
Sep. 1 Roselle

King Bros. Circus

Aug. 26 Humboldt, Iowa
27 Albert Lea, Minn
28 Onalaska, wisc
29 Sparta
30 Eau Claire
31 Menominee
Sep. 1 Hastings, Minn

Lewis Bros. Circus

Aug. 26 Terre Hill, Pa
27 New Holland
28 Browntown
29 Lititz
30 Quarryville
Sep. 31 Atglen
1 Oxford

John Young Circus

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Summer Circus

Aug 26-31 Southfield, Mich

Wall & Rogers Circus

to Sep 2 Vanc, BC

Wenatchee Youth Circus

Aug 31 Pt. Townsend, Wash

..... OTHER ROUTES

Century 21 Shows - Blue

Aug 30-Sep 7 Gainesville,
Ga.

Century 21 Shows - Red

Aug 28-Sep 2 Vicksburg, Ms

Roy Clark Show

Aug 27-28 Syracuse, N.Y.
29 Reading, Pa.
31 St. Paul Minn
Sep 1-2 Pueblo, Colo.

James H. Draw Shows

Aug 26-31 Gap, Va.

Frazier World Fair Shows

to Sep. 2 Pueblo, Colo.

Int'l Swim Meet

Aug 31-Sep 1 Concord, Cal.

Magic-Capades

Aug. 27 Pocatello, Idaho
28 Idaho Falls
29 Blackfoot
30 Rexburg

Liza Minelli Show

Aug. 26 Du Quoin, Ill.
28 Columbus, Ohio

Rose City Rides

Aug 31-Sept 2 Mokane, Mo.

Tip Top Shows

Aug 29-Sep 2 Plymouth, Wsc

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CARMICHAEL



A Report From the State of Maine

Charles Bros. Circus jumped into Bridgton from Ohio to play for two days (July 19-20) then played at Fryeburg (July 22), followed by a Sunday layover.

Their big top is 100 ft. round end with one 50 ft middle section. It's a bale ring top from a music circus that has been converted into a push-pole top. Seating around the single ring is available for 1,200 people. All concessions are inside the tent and no seat butchers are used.

The performance is strong for a show of this size. It runs about 75 minutes, with an intermission. Acts include Mitzi La Form on the single trapeze, plus a table balancing act, clown turns, hair hang, whips, Kevin Whitehead's dogs and Kalamer (George Rowe) illusionist. This latter act includes a doll house, vanishes, burning alive, levitation, fire eating, etc.

A big feature on the program is the final number, when Roman Schmidt presents his elephant "Birka." This is one of the best bull acts around and without a doubt must be the best single bull act on the road.

The four piece band includes: Charles Moyer, leader and trumpet; Dr. Miller, trombone; Tom Lower, baritone and Les Claxton, drummer.

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The Royal Wild West Circus played Meredith (N.H.) on Aug. 12th. This show looks good and its trucks are flashier than ever. The trucks are all parked to form an enclosed com-

pound, with only the ticket office and marquee outside. On the inside are: a clown air pillow; jewelry stand; and several concessions. There's also a cage trailer, with exotic birds, monkeys and a kinkajou.

A small marquee type top houses the band (organ and drums) and all performers enter the arena through this tent. The performance is good and includes: western acts, ponies, a bar act; table rock; juggling; sword balance and January mule. There's also Eddie Hendrick's dogs, an elephant and a "human" gorilla number. Joe Myers, producing clown, is the announcer and has good rapport with the audience.

Tear-down is easy and fast and several trucks were already on their way to the next town by 10:30 p.m.

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Sells & Gray played nearby North Conway on July 21st and was the first show in there since King Bros. played that city in 1971. Charles Bros. was
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PEOPLE

HARRY ROSS, clown, has been hospitalized in Canada for a gallstone operation. He reportedly is doing well.

KIRBY'S CHIMPS recently joined the Gatti-Charles Circus for the remainder of the season.

JIM SILVERLAKE, owner of the Barnes & Daily Circus, was pictured feeding an elephant in the Aug. 25, 1974 issue of the weekly paper "Modern People."

PHIL SHEAR has joined the Barnes & Daily Circus, where he

is clowning and handling public relations work.

FRANCISCO GAONA, flyer, has been hospitalized in Canada with TB. He's been replaced in the act by **ENRICO**.

JOE SCHMITT, Jr., magician and announcer for Werd Hell's Circus Side Show, plans to take out his own Dell Bros. Circus in 1975.

ROBERT F. GOOD, hand balancer and juggler, will be working with the Lions Club Circus in Penna. this winter.

TIM HOLT, RBBB's Red Unit ringmaster, was married at Salt Lake City, Utah on Aug. 20th.

A Better Home Found for Lion

ESCONDIDO (AP) — Sampson the lion, who was headed for actor James Brolin's ranch, will instead be set loose at Lion Country Safari in Laguna Hills.

Bill Huskey, executive director of the Escondido Humane Society, said Brolin had been advised not to take the 300-pound African lion because he already has other exotic cats at his 230-acre ranch in the San Fernando

valley.

Brolin, of the "Marcus Welby, M.D." television show, had agreed to take the 14-month-old lion after hearing he would be gassed if no suitable home was found. Huskey said.

Lion Country Safari will pick up the declawed Sampson and keep him with a group of young lions where he will not be threatened because he has no claws. Huskey said.

BOB MITCHELL, press agent for Sells & Gray Circus, visited the Circus Memories Museum in Fryeburg, Me., while in that area.

BOB GRANT, agent, is producing a Lions Club Circus at Riverside, Calif. on Sept. 21 in Evans Field. He's looking for acts. Phone at (714) 682-2771 - Ext. 265-267 (Ramada Inn).

YVETTE'S ANIMAL REVUE has been working at the Alaska State Fair.

THE HERNANDEZ FAMILY has an unusual perch pole act on the Sells & Gray Circus this year.



G-M Circus — Offers Good Entertainment

The George-Matthews Circus came to Dauphin, Pa., on Aug. 12th to give two performances -- 4 and 8 p.m. Attendance was generally good and those who came out were treated to a good performance, with an excellent band.

The program, with Ed Russell, as ringmaster featured:

The Pollos - aerial cradle
 Alphonso Magana - Jungle lions
 The Clowns - balloon chase
 The Wal-Tims - risley
 The Great Lothar - balancing
 Huberto - slide for life
 Clowns - washday routine
 Alphonso Magana - lib. horses
 Los Latinos - tightwire
 Clown - Sparky and magic cane
 Miss Jan - single trapeze
 Senor Alphonso and Senorita
 Cindy - circus elephants (3)
 Ronrites - Space wheel

..... Gene Mascioli

PEOPLE

SMOKEY JONES worked a TV special recently with Ann Bancroft who sat on "Tike" while singing a song. The show will be aired later this year.

ALISTAIR MacCLEAN, writer, has written the film story called "Circus" which will feature the Ringling-Barnum Circus. The film's release date is 1975.

TREVOR BALE reports he enjoyed Expo 74 while playing in Spokane with the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show.

This George-Matthews Circus is a very good one and it makes a fine appearance on the lot with that new tent.

They have the finest circus band I've heard in a long time. It consists of 13 pieces and the drummer (Fred Higuera) is outstanding. He compares favorably with the late Red Floyd, who was with the Merle Evans band for many years.

..... Don Shepherd



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MAINE REPORT (Continued)
 the first circus into Fryeburg since Bears-Barnes played here in 1963.

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Lawrence Carr's big truck carnival recently played Lewiston, then made a railroad jump into Terre Haute, Indiana.

..... Paul Horsman

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***Holiday* schedule**

The elegant Usher Hall, in Edinburgh, Scotland, has reportedly been leased to Robert Bros. Circus for the holiday season -- Dec. 23 to Jan. 19th. The show will move out for the afternoon of Jan. 1st, when Handel's "Messiah" is to be presented, but they'll be back in time for the evening performance.

This will be the first time that Usher Hall has been used for anything but cultural events -- opera, concerts and festivals. The move is said to be a means whereby the Hall can obtain ready cash which will help to offset losses

NEW RECORDS SET (Continued)

The unit also played at the Heart of Illinois Fair (Peoria).

In August the Fair Unit will appear at the Great Allentown (Pa.) Fair and the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. Other dates for the balance of the tour include Madison, Wisc. and Barrington, Mass.

Mr. Lashinsky reported that some 175,000 people viewed the two show units during the month of July. Plans are currently underway for a tour of South America and for 1975 fair bookings, as well as other special events in which the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show can participate.

Circus-Train Wreck Recalled

By AMBROSE BOSTON

Special to the Herald-Leader

Central Kentucky's worst circus-train wreck occurred 92 years ago this summer when the Sells Brothers' Circus train smashed up on the L. & N. grade leading down to Paint Lick on the Garrard-Madison county line.

Sells Brothers, which in 1882 was second only to Barnum & Bailey among American circuses, had played Richmond on a day early in August 1882 and was en route from Richmond to London, Ky., when the wreck occurred.

The Lebanon branch of the L. & N. had been extended to London on July 1, 1882, and the Kentucky Central Railroad had not completed its more direct route through Berea toward London. So, the train was traveling from Richmond to Rowland to connect there with the Lebanon branch.

Though London was smaller than most communities visited by Sells Brothers, the management believed that by being the first large railroad circus to exhibit in that part of Kentucky it stood a good chance of doing exceptional business. There is every reason to believe that London would have been a bonanza for Sells, but the circus never got there.

Dr. J. B. Kinnaird, grandfather of Lexington's Dr. Robert Kinnaird, was a physician and surgeon at Lancaster in 1882 and was railroad surgeon for the L. & N. in that area. He was called from his home to go to the Sells wreck scene to aid the injured. Many years later,

in 1926, Dr. Kinnaird wrote for the L. & N. Magazine his recollections of the wreck which, to our knowledge, is the only on-the-scene description ever written about this Kentucky circus incident.

In the L. & N. Magazine, Dr. Kinnaird said, in part:

"A hard pull had brought the circus train up a steep grade to Moran's Summit, the highest point on the Richmond branch, and the down grade to Paint Lick was being covered at a rapid rate when a coupling broke, dividing the train.

In those days there were no patent couplers and no air brakes to control the speed. With increasing impetuosity the divided train tore down the steep grade toward Paint Lick at a terrific rate.

"Just before the locomotive reached the bridge which spans Paint Lick Creek the engineer discovered that the train was divided and for an unknown reason slackened his speed. The inevitable impact followed. The sleepers with two or three freight cars remained on the track, but the others carrying the greater portion of the property were smashed, derailed and rolled over a steep embankment to the edge of the creek in the bottom. The cars and contents were demolished.

"A heap of dead and dying, the howls of wild animals that had been frightened, the confusion in the dark, with the cries of dazed men and women, made an everlasting impression upon those who witnessed the scene.

The locomotive was dispatched to Lancaster for physicians and surgeons.

When William Bogle, the agent at Lancaster, received a message to secure doctors he sent Victor Wherritt, one of his clerks, for Dr. Huffman, who was the nearest physician. The old doctor sent for me and together we soon started on the locomotive to the scene of the disaster. It was just before dawn when we backed out of the station. In the east, ahead of us, a beautiful comet was visible, the tail of which seemed to reach down to the very tracks. The rising sun and the fading comet made a gorgeous and impressive sight.

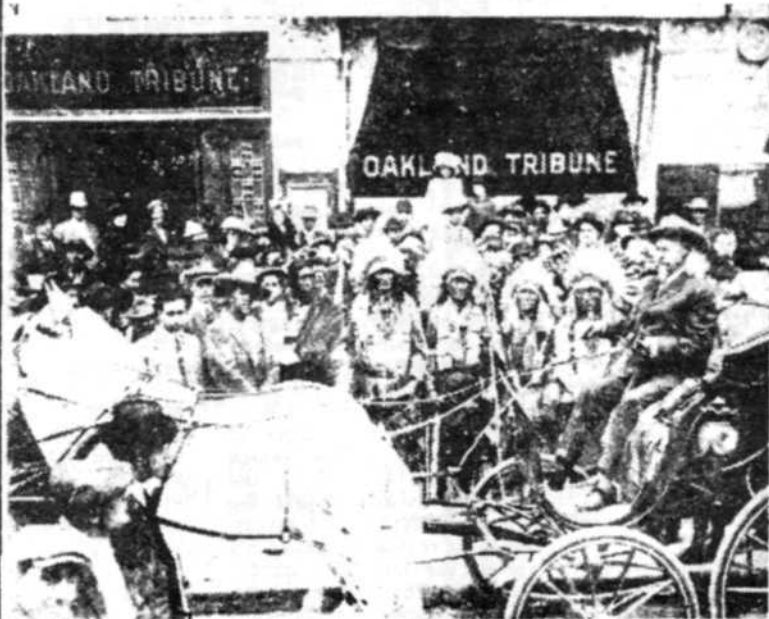
"Just at daylight we reached the scene of the catastrophe and were greeted by a throng of sightseers from the surrounding country, some of whom in excited tones informed us that ferocious lions and tigers were roaming at large in the vicinity; that the wild beasts were licking up blood from the injured and that in all probability many of the victims were in danger of being devoured.

"In a few minutes we reached the scene of the disaster just in time to witness the corraling of the lions and tigers which were driven at the point of pitchforks into the shattered cages and covered with canvas.

"Along the banks of the creek parallel with the track were stretched bodies of the dead and injured. We found three who had been killed instantly and about 20 more or less seriously injured. Of the dead, two were employes whose names were unknown; one was a young man evidently from Laurel County.

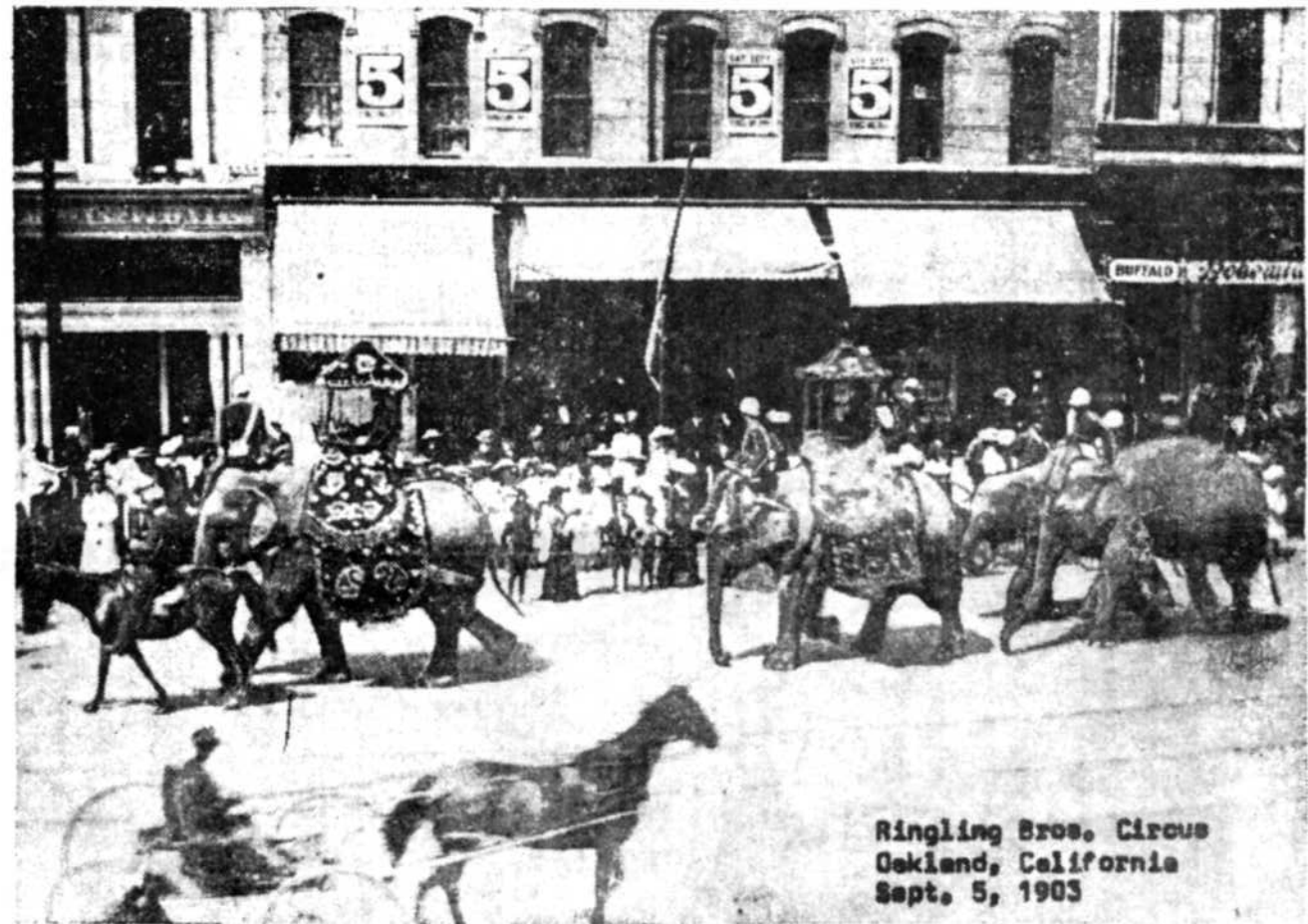
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PICTURE WINDOW



Circa 1915—William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody was getting on in years but was still pretty spry when he visited the old Tribune offices. Indians in background appeared with his circus. Cody died in 1917 at the age of 71.

The above picture was taken during the Sells Floto-Buffalo Bill Circus' stay in Oakland, Calif. on May 11-12, 1915.



Ringling Bros. Circus
Oakland, California
Sept. 5, 1903

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22 THURS	1:30*	7:30*	
23 FRI	1:30*	7:30*	
24 SAT	9:30*	7:30	
25 SUN	10	7:30	
26 MON	2:30*	7:30*	

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AUG. 27	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
28 WED			7:30*
29 THURS		1:30*	7:30*
30 FRI	11:00*	2:00*	7:30
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