

Barnum's Greatest Show on Earth, Boston, Mass., 16, two weeks; Lynn, 30; Salem, July 1; Dover, N. H., 2; Saco, Me., 3; Portland, 4; Lewiston, 5; Haverhill, Mass., 7; Lawrence, 8; Manchester, 9; Concord, 10; Lowell, 11; Fitchburg, 12; Saratoga, N. Y., 14; Troy, 15; Amsterdam, 16; Utica, 17; Rome, 18; Watertown, 19; Oswego, 21; Syracuse, 22; Cortland, 23; Binghamton, 24; Elmira, 25; Ithaca, 26; Lyons, 28; Auburn, 29; Canandaigua, 30; Rochester, 31; Lockport, Aug. 1; Buffalo, 2; Batavia, 4; Hornellsville, 5; Olean, 6; Bradford, Pa., 7; Jamestown, 8; Erie, 9; Pittsburg, 11, 12; New Castle, 13; Meadville, 14; Warren, Ohio, 15; Cleveland, 16; Sandusky, 18; Toledo, 19; Detroit, Mich., 20; Port Huron, 21; East Saginaw, 22; Bay City, 23; Muskegon, 25; Grand Rapids, 26; Lansing, 27; Jackson, 28; Kalamazoo, 29; Elkhart, 30; Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1, one week; Joliet, 8; Streator, 9; Peoria, 10; Bloomington, 11; Lincoln, 12; Springfield, 13; St. Louis, Mo., 15, one week; Moberly, 22; Chillicothe, 23; Marysville, 24; Council Bluffs, 25; Omaha, 26; Lincoln, 27; St. Joseph, 29; Atchison, Kan., 30; Leavenworth, Oct. 1; Topeka, 2; Kansas City, Mo., 3; Sedalia, 4; Mattoon, Ill., 6; Terre Haute, Ind., 7; Crawfordsville, 8; Lafayette, 9; Indianapolis, 10; Anderson, 11; Shelbyville, 13; New Albany, 14; Louisville, Ky., 15; Frankfort, 16; Lexington, 17; Maysville, 18; Xenia, Ohio, 20; Columbus, 21; Urbana, 22; Marion, 23; Ashland, 24; Ravenna, 25.

Burr Robbins' Circus, Warren, Pa., 27; Oil City, 30; Titusville, July 1; Franklin, 2; Parker's Landing, 3.

Bruce and Gale's Tent Show, Philadelphia, Pa., 23, one week.

Cole's Circus, Walla Walla, U. T., 26; Dayton, 27; Pendleton, 28; Portland, Ore., 30, July 1; Salem, 2; Eugene City, 3; Roseburg, 4; Terminus Road, 5; Albany, 7; Oregon City, 8; McMunville, 9; Cornallis, 10; Independence, 11; Hillsboro, 12; Tacoma, 14; Olympia, 15; Port Townsend, 16; Victoria, 17; Nanaimo, 18; New Westminster, 19; Seattle, 21; Astoria, 23; Cathlamet, 24; East Portland, 25; Dalles, 26; Spunkane Falls, 28; Missoula, 29; Butte City, 30; Eagle Rock, 31; Franklin, Aug. 1; Logan, 2.

Doris' Circus, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 25; Ottumwa, 28.

Frank A. Robbins' Circus, Belfast, Me., 25; Pittsfield, 26; Dexter, 27; Bangor, 28; Bucksport, 30; Oldtown, July 1; Lincoln, 2; Danforth, 3; thence into British provinces.

Forepaugh's Circus, Chicago, Ill., 16, ten days; Joliet, Ill., 27; LaSalle, 28; Streator, 30; Aurora, July 1; Rockford, 2; Freeport, 3; Dubuque, Iowa, 4; Waterloo, 5; Albert Lee, Minn., 7; Red Wing, 8; Fairbault, 9; Stillwater, 12; St. Paul, 13; Cedar Rapids, 14; Rock Island, 15; Iowa City, 16; Grinnell, 17; Oskaloosa, 18; Ottumwa, 19; Des Moines, 21; Atlantic, 22; Council Bluffs, 23; Omaha, 24; Lincoln, 25; Nebraska City, 26; Atchison, 29; Leavenworth, 29; Topeka, 30; Kansas City, 31; St. Joe, Aug. 1.

Hawley's Tent Show, Rochester, 23, one week; Auburn, 30, one week.

King, Burke and Franklin's Circus, London, Can., 28.

O'Brien's Circus, Burlington, Vt., 27; St. Albans, 28.

Old John Robinson's Circus, Findlay, O., 25; Tiffin, 26; Sandusky, 27.

S. H. Barrett's Circus, Oskaloosa, Ia., July 1; Stuart, 2; Atlantic, 3; Council Bluffs, Iowa, July 4.

Sells Brothers' Circus, Eau Claire, Wis., 27; Chippewa Falls, 28; Stow's Point, 30; Waupaca, July 1; Menah and Menasha, 2; Oshkosh, 3, Fond du Lac, 4.

Circus Notes.

Cole is way out near sun-down.

Sam Stickney is summering in Chicago.

John J. Foster is out with an Injun show.

Bob Filkins is "over there" with Jack Haverly.

The printers say some of the shows remit slowly.

Mrs. Watt came down from Janesville to visit her spouse.

The last heard of Charlie Noyes he was at Huntsville, Ala.

Hannah Battersby's pet name is "Baby," she weighs over 700.

"The Blue and the Gray"—Barnum and Forepaugh's bill posters.

Some day there will be called a halt to the extravagant advance expenditures of circus managers. Some of them seem to



have discovered the art of throwing money away.

John A. Forepaugh made a flying trip to Philadelphia last week.

Frank Melville has done well abroad, making a great hit in Paris.

Cole gave Doris a terrible lathering. Reason—John B. was too fresh.

Burr Robbins, up to the present time, has not "set the North river on fire."

John B. Doris' circus is to be in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Wednesday, 25th inst.

John O'Brien reports that "The Irish Brigade" has done very well this season.

Billy Burke says that by the time his arm mends he will have a new box of jokes.

The different railroads furnish 100 passes for the advance of Forepaugh's army.

Billy Burke went home to Washington to remain while his broken arm is repairing.

Birney Gaylord says he will visit India and the "Land of White Elephants" no more.

Charlie Potter has heard from his farm. He says potatoes are good, corn only fair.

Guess Cole will go to California. He has dropped the advertising of a white elephant.

George W. De Haven took in Forepaugh's Show every night during its stay in Chicago.

Bill Monroe, equestrian director, and the worst four-horse rider on earth, is with Miles Orton.

The Older Crane & Co. Circus have tided over their financial trouble, and are again en route.

Since Prof. Abt was married, the sale of two-cent stamps at the Cleveland post office has increased.

Matt Lelland has met with more good luck; this time he was relieved of \$55 cash and his gold watch.

The Barrett show have cancelled a great many towns they had billed. Forepaugh fills the dates.

Circus managers report "tight papers" throughout the country. The granger clings carefully to his cash.

Bob Stickney makes himself very useful with the Barrett Show, and, best of all, his efforts are appreciated.

They say, Haight and Gardner remain with Barnum next season, but Durand and Warner go with Forepaugh.

Send us all the dressing-room gossip and incidents, and make this column lively during the tenting season.

It is more than likely that John A. Forepaugh will have a new dime museum in Philadelphia this winter.

Sells' business has been good this year. While No. 1 has had good weather, No. 2 has had more than its share of the other kind.

The "Mayor of Jerusalem" was delighted by a visit from his son, Harry, last week. They are both able-bodied Seamon.

P. Sells, Jr., who manipulates the advance of the Sells Brothers' fifty-cage show, has given Chicago the light of his countenance.

Donavan and Carey, lately returned from South America, have been visiting their many acquaintances with the Forepaugh Show.

We don't believe the candy butchers carried much money out of Chicago. They donned new togs and enjoyed life in a great city.

Hyatt Frost is living in retirement at Armenia, N. Y. His old partner, O. J. Ferguson, is still on the road with the Cooper-Jackson snap.

Uncle Charles Castle passes the hours away, as patiently as human can, at his home in Syracuse, N. Y. His has been a long and painful illness.

James A. Robinson contracting agent for the Forepaugh circus, spent Sunday in Kansas City, and contributed his share of show reminiscences.

A. A. Stewart, of Strowbridge & Co., is not dead. It was another person of the same name. Al can now paste his own obituaries in his scrap-book.

George Donald Melville, the past season clown with Tony Denier and formerly an excellent equestrian, has been visiting his pa for the past ten days.

Sells Brothers' Show is highly spoken of this season. The ring performance, led by James Robinson, "champion of champions," is especially commended.

Unfortunate Dr. Thayer has made another fiasco. He is a good-hearted old soul, but he might as well accept the fact that his managerial days are over.

Ashley and Garvin, well known in circus circles, have opened a magnificent saloon and restaurant in Buffalo, retain-

ing the name of the old stand, "The White Elephant."

The Forepaugh Show was born right here in Chicago, and originally cost \$42,000. It was to have opened on the very day of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. A round million would not buy it now.

Bill Foote, who used to be a circus ink slinger, and for years was Haverly's most successful minstrel manager, is again at the head of the Mastodons, now playing in London. He also keeps a public house in the great city.

Young John Robinson is a member of the firm of Russell, Morgan & Co., Cincinnati, O., the largest printing house on this continent and probably in the world. They are also largely engaged in the manufacture of playing cards.

That literary fraud, Frank Vincent, Jr., has an article in this month's *Manhattan* about the white elephant. This is the gentleman who threatened to shake-down Barnum, Bailey & Hutchinson, and had his black-mailing letter published in the New York dailies. Mr. J. Birney Gaylord, who has been lately in Siam, says Mr. Vincent is a first-class prevaricator. Vincent's "Land of the White Elephant" is a borrow from an ancient and honorable source.

A special dated June 18 to the Cleveland *Herald* from Alliance, O., says: The audience in attendance at the concert following the regular circus performance of a traveling show were last night thrown into a state of expectancy and excitement, and the circus attaches into one of consternation by the strange and unexpected conduct of a young lady (?) in the audience. One of the actors was performing the trick denominated "vivisection," and had removed an arm, a leg, and the head of the supposed victim, when the girl aforesaid left her seat and her consort, stepped gayly and boldly into the ring, and, exclaiming "Suppose you try that trick on me!" seated herself upon a box to await developments. The reluctance, however, of the professor to removing her limbs could not be overcome, much to his discomfiture, her apparent disgust, and the applause of the crowd. After waiting, as she thought, a reasonable time, she stepped briskly out of the ring and resumed her place by the side of her escort. The show attaches acknowledge that Alliance is one ahead.

bad. Billy Devere sent it up, and next Sunday the boys will have it read. Oh, say I'll give you Billy Devere's last production—it's not bad—here it is:

THE PEEK-A-BOO CLUB.

BY WM. DEVERE.

There's a nice little "gang" with the old Forepaugh show,
They're banded together for fun as they go,
There's "freaks," and there's dudes, trapeze artists true,
Side-showmen, pad-riders and concert folks, too;
They've formed a coalition for frolic and fun,
One night in the week, when their labor is done,
They meet for amusement, have lager and grub,
And they've christened this party—the "Peek-a-Boo Club."

Old Grand Master Adam sometimes takes the chair,
With his grey Burnside whiskers and silvery hair,
Calls the meeting to order, and then they commence,
With the song and the story, the joke and nonsense.
First, Brother James Donohue jumps to his feet,
And claims selling tickets he cannot be beat,
Kid Leon says, "Jimmy means tickets for grub,"
For they slaughter the "Peck" in the "Peek-a-Boo Club."

Then Billy McMahon "come all yees" will sing,
And *this* Billy Burke some old "chestnuts" will sling;
While genial Sam Watson will lecture, I ween,
On how to turn the white elephant green;
Johnny Forepaugh remarks "it had better be red,"
As he smilingly scratches his cinnamon head,
And says that next season they're going to substitute laws, adding girls to the "Peek-a-Boo Club."

Jim Jourdan says he "works so hard on the street,
He's so weary at night he can't stand on his feet,"
That genial Ben Lusbie can't sell any more,
Outside tickets than he at the "red wagon" door,
But then the "Old Rubes" will kick up such a mess,
"You can't charge me sixty, your show-bills say less."
But he collars their "sugar," he loves them to snub,
He is one of the saints of the "Peek-a-Boo Club."

There's young Addie Forepaugh, a good worker, too,
You can bet your last dollar that Addie's true blue.
As an elephant trainer, his like's hard to find,
To man and to beast he is never unkind.
He drives the eight horses that draw the big band.
He can handle a huge whip with masterly hand,
He can "sherry a guy," give a Rueben the snub,
He's the captain this year of the "Peek-a-Boo Club."

There's Charley McCarthy, decidedly tough,
He plays "three's pretty strong" in a game of old "Bluff."
Phil Gibbons, the president; Coyle and Abe Nail,
And Cooper, the *small* friend of Billy O'Neil,
Who (when Cooper's banner in front was unfurled)
Would swear he was "the tallest man in the world,"
Work the old private bottle and harangue the mob,
Cooper's still looming up in the "Peek-a-Boo Club."