

CIRCUS AND WILD WEST

KIT CARSON ANIMALS TO BE SOLD.

Walter L. Wilson, secretary of the Baker & Lockwood Co., of Kansas City, Mo., who was recently appointed receiver for the Kit Carson Buffalo Ranch Wild West Show as the result of involuntary bankruptcy proceedings against Thos. F. Wiedemann, owner of the show, was granted an order by the United States District Court, of Cincinnati, Monday of last week, upon application, to sell at public auction some sixty-seven horses, five mules and eight buffaloes, which belonged to Mr. Wiedemann. Mr. Wilson, in his application, stated that a sale would be the best thing for the creditors who joined to put Mr. Wiedemann in bankruptcy, for the reason that there is danger of the loss of the animals from disease; and, furthermore, that the maintenance of the stock would involve considerable expense, which would eat up the assets of the bankrupt. The U. S. Printing & Lithographing Co., of Norwood, which claims ownership of the animals, consented to the sale, reserving its rights to what may be realized.

Mr. Wilson was authorized to have an appraisal made of the animals, and to advertise the sale ten days before it is held. The sale will be held Monday, December 7, at 10 a.m. at Terrace Park, near Cincinnati.

BOSS CANVASMAN DIES SUDDENLY.

August S. Englert, better known under the white tops as Captain Smithy, died suddenly of acute indigestion at the Sisters of Mercy Hospital, Buffalo, N. Y., November 21.

The deceased was 42 years of age, and for a while was boss canvasman of the Martin L. Downs Show. The remains were shipped to Erie, Pa., for burial. He leaves a widow.

PUBLILLONES OPENS IN HAVANA.

Havana, Cuba, Nov. 21.—The Pubillones Circus opened Thursday night in the Politeama Theater to a packed house of the elite of Havana. Many Americans were here also to see the big opening of the Barnum of Cuba. The show went through without a hitch, with Joe Miller, of the Ringling Show, and his two assistants, K. Y. Jessie and Harry Raymore, handling the props. Mr. Miller has his hands full trying to make the Cubans understand what he wants them to do.

The acts with the show are: Miss Darling, with her troupe of dogs; The Maginleys, double trapeze act; Les Jardys, carrying perch; James Powell, principal act; clown number by Pepito and Augusto; The Leach-LaQuinlan Trio, novelty wire number; Fred Darling's comedy mule and ponies; Capt. Webb's riding seals, Brothers Powell, double jockey; Les Jardys' troupe of acrobats. The Three Arthurs, cycling act.

The show is nicely arranged and is one of the best variety programs Mr. Pubillones has had for years.

The aggregation will play in the Politeama Theater until December 18, when it will begin a road season, playing from two-day to week stands through the sugar cane district of the island.

The Selgrist-Silben Troupe and Marguerite and her lions are expected to join Thanksgiving Day.

COLONEL SMITH MEETS WITH MISFORTUNE

Colonel F. M. Smith, proprietor of Colonel Smith's Wild West Museum, while out hunting near his home in Independence, Ia., Friday, November 13, with his son and two other persons, had the misfortune to have his hand almost shot off.

The party went out in an automobile, and after enjoying a day of sport, started for the machine on the way home. The Colonel, in making an effort to turn on the gas, in some way or other, had the hammer of his gun catch on the steps of the machine, and the gun was discharged. The charge entered his left arm above the wrist and almost severed it. A physician happened along at the time in an automobile, and the Colonel was rushed to his home. Three more physicians were summoned, and the arm was amputated about four inches below the elbow.

Last week he was attacked with lung trouble, and his wife writes that he is now in a serious condition.

GENTRY BROS. BACK TO BLOOMINGTON.

Bloomington, Ind., Nov. 26.—Instead of going back to San Antonio, Tex., where they wintered their outfit last year, Gentry Brothers brought their shows to their old quarters in this city, having arrived last Sunday morning.

The No. 1 Show closed at Sherman, Tex., November 18, and the No. 2 Show at Whitesboro, Tex., on the same day. The following day both show trains were combined at Denison, Tex., and were dispatched to this city.

Harry R. Overton, general superintendent of the No. 2 Show, journeyed to Cincinnati, where he is renewing acquaintances and hobnobbing with old friends. Mr. Overton has been identified with the Gentry Bros. in various capacities for many seasons.

POMMIER BROS. TO CLOSE.

Pommier Bros.' Shows are now in their seventh week without closing. The show has been in Texas over a year, but will not remain out this winter, owing to the bad conditions existing in the South. The outfit will close at Melvin, Tex., December 5, and go into winter quarters at Richmond, Mo.

LULU MULHALL WANTS DIVORCE.

St. Louis, Nov. 26.—Lulu Mulhall filed suit for divorce from Charles J. Mulhall, son of Zach Mulhall, Tuesday, alleging desertion three days after their marriage in 1913. Mrs. Mulhall met her husband, who is now said to be in Oklahoma, while she was with the Mulhall Shows as a cowgirl.

BOBBIE KILLS BILLIE.

New York, Nov. 25.—David Horsley, president of the Centaur Film Co., of Rayonne, N. J., who recently took over the animals belonging to the late Frank C. Bostock, received a telegram that the trained lioness, Bobbie, had suddenly

gone mad in a cage in a freight car near Buffalo and killed her twin sister, Billie, while en route from Jersey City to Los Angeles. Bobbie and Billie were among the best known trained animals in the United States, and were valued at \$9,000.

MADAME WANDA FACING DEATH.

Madame Wanda, known the country over as a trainer of dogs, lies very ill at her home in Spokane, Wash., and her physician holds out but little hope for her recovery.

Madame Wanda has suffered for several years with cancer of the stomach, and the disease has wrought such havoc that her death is probably only a matter of a few weeks. She gave up her work and sold her dogs several weeks ago.

AN APPEAL.

Jack Hardy, an old-time showman, is under arrest at Towson, Md., and accused of grand larceny, although he avers he is absolutely innocent of the charge.

He says that he was with the Barnum & Bailey Shows seasons of 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, and this past season with Tompkins' Real Wild West.

Being entirely without funds he appeals to his friends and showmen generally for contributions sufficient to engage an attorney.

Showmen responding address Jack Hardy, Towson Town Jail, Towson, Baltimore Co., Md. Showmen who know that Hardy truly "belonged" and can vouch for him will please address The Billboard (Cincinnati office).

INDOOR CIRCUS AT CANTON, O.

Canton, O., Nov. 27.—A big indoor circus is being pulled off at the City Auditorium today and tomorrow. The program consists of Karl King and his Band, Charles Secret, Mrs. Myers, Norman Bayle, Pete Presl, Jap Lancer, Roy Johnson; Loose, Haylor and Loose; George Rinehart, Frank Shive, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Romer, Mr. Mause, Chance Wilson, Geo. R. Nells.



W. H. Bower's Cowboy Band, with Young Buffalo and Wyoming Bill Shows the past season.

Robert Shriver, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mart Myers, H. Cross, Karl James, and Sam Stricklin and his troupe of ponies and dogs.

HAGENBECK-WALLACE QUARTERS.

(Carthage, O.)

Tom Sterling, head wood worker, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Harry Sarig, who has had a touch of the grip, is well again and on duty.

Three new zebras were received last Friday from Beltsville, Md., and are beauties.

Two new lions were received a few days ago from New York.

Jake Posey, superintendent of the quarters, has been to Georgia, Ind., looking over the stock and found it in fine shape.

Emil Schwyer, animal trainer, is breaking a fine group of lions.

Bill Davis is now living at the Hotel Hagenbeck.

Charles Olson (Waxie), harness maker, and his assistant, Bert German, are busily engaged overhauling the harness, and already have quite a lot hung up for the road.

The blacksmith shop is working full force, and already has a number of wagons ready for the paint shop, which will open up the first of December.

Mark Smith has just finished his work on the animal barn.

The Bole Wagon Works, of Cincinnati, have started to work on the cages, tableaux and band wagons, and from all indications the parade stuff will be the finest on the road the coming season.

HEBER BROS.' SHOWS.

After packing the tent paraphernalia and surplus stock in winter quarters, at Columbus, O., Heber Bros. opened their Winter Circus November 19, at City Opera House, Delaware, O., for two days.

The following acts are with the winter show: The Aerial Lavons, trapeze and Roman rings; Rollo H. Heber's Dogs and Monkeys, in City of Dogville; The Adell Sisters, international dancers; Heber Bros.' Blue-Ribbon Performing Ponies; The Franklins, black eccentrics; Musical Shannons; The Jeffersons, novelty act; Geo. T. Heber, Roy Franklin, Ed Fox, Earl Meeks and Bill Smith, clowns; King's Rough-Riding Monkeys; DeCrea, The Man of Mystery.

Roy Franklin is director of the twelve piece band. The show is playing two and three-day and week stands to good business.

GEO. S. ELY'S SHOW.

The Geo. S. Ely Show has been out for eight months, and has done fairly well, considering the weather. The show will remain out all winter, but will close for six weeks in February and March in order to paint up, as usual. Arkansas and Missouri will be invaded in 1915.

Prof. Julio Hinojosa, with his Spanish Band, is still a feature.

Harold Dean is a late arrival.

W. T. Daniels has charge of the top, with four assistants.

The show has ten wagons, thirty head of stock and an eighty foot round top.

MYSTERIOUS SPAULDING HERE.

After spending four years exhibiting on the Continent Mysterious Captain Spaulding came back to America last week to remain for some time. The conflict in Europe terminated his activities abroad. He has been engaged for the Madison Square Garden season of the Barnum & Bailey Circus next spring.

CALL OF THE WILD.

By Homer S. Wilson.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Leonard McCoy, roper with Before the Round-Up Co., playing the Lincoln Theater, was struck in the chin by a bucking horse. A doctor was summoned, and four stitches were found necessary.

At the present time there are twenty-six animal (circus, Wild West and dog and pony) acts in Chicago, and most of them are finding it hard to secure bookings.

Henry Grammer, who was badly cut in a recent squabble, is up and around again. He only weighed 100 pounds when he left the hospital.

Sam Garrett and Chester Byers are wintering at Mulhall, Ok.

Otto Kline is spending the winter at his home in Naperville, Ill. Understand Otto has a sign out, "Money to loan on land or live stock."



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