

CIRCUS LIFE MORE IDEAL THAN IT WAS

An Old Time Acrobat Says Youths Are Not So Cruelly Driven.

Chicago, March 13.—"Boys have a pretty easy time of it nowadays," said an old circus acrobat sojourning in Chicago recently. "When I began my work a boy was treated like so much soft metal that had to be hammered into shape. If he missed a trick he usually got a cuff at the side of the head, and if he didn't pick up after that that he sometimes was left with black and blue marks. This is all changed, and I am glad of it. Youngsters in these days are cuddled and looked after like so many tender plants that would wither and split under a stiff lake breeze."

"I was a German turner at the age of five and at the age of ten the bars and trapeze were playthings for me that made the old folks' eyes stand out with pleasure. When a showman came along and offered to take me with him my head nearly spun off its pivot. The old folks were wild at the idea, and it took a long time to talk them into a belief that it would be a good thing for me to hook up with this showman, who would be responsible for me. I think the old people were brought around more by the thought that I would run away if they didn't consent, and that would make the future a whole lot worse."

Starts With Circus.

"Well sir, I don't think my mind ever had so many pleasant pictures in it as at this time, when looking ahead at the imagined charms of a circus performer's career I took to the work like a duck takes to water, and, although I saw a good deal of the old-fashioned method of treating show juveniles, I must say that I was treated pretty well and had no great cause for complaint. I grew fast and strong and took pride in accomplishing new tricks."

"Before I was twenty-one I married and before long little ones came into my care. I liked the work and began to think of making my boys professional acrobats. How to do this without any of the harshness of which I had been a witness and which was a tradition of the business made me think a good deal. I got the boys interested in their work by telling them of the great rewards success would bring them and by winning their confidence."

"The confidence of a child is a wonderful thing and will make them forget all fear. By the old way of teaching them when a boy made a slip he got a blow with a stick as well as a hard fall. This would take the courage out of a man or a beast, so what could you expect of a child? I took just the other course and used encouraging words."

"Of course, the great thing was to avoid accidents, and I watched every move and took every precaution to this end. When I took the little fellow on my shoulders and taught him to stand erect while I reeled around, if I felt there was going to be a fall I forgot the wheel and myself and everything to save the child. In this way the little fellow learns that his protector's eye is ever open for him, and for him only, and he gains confidence with every effort."

Mechanical Devices Used.

"In these days mechanical devices are used to prevent accident. Although performers say it is better not to make use of these, as they are apt to make the learner lean too much upon outside aid, they are generally found rigged up in training quarters. One of these is called a 'mechanic.' It is a body harness, which leaves the arms and legs free, and from which a rope extends to a pulley on the ceiling, thence along to another pulley, and down into the hands of a strong manipulator."

"The first public exhibition repays the child for all the hard work and discouragement of the training. The music, the light, the enormous crowds of attentive people and the applause which comes after the best feats, sink into the juvenile nature with delight too sweet for words. He feels that after all the many months of hard work and the dangers of it, he has been able to do something which not only lifts him above all those of his own age, but makes the grown people marvel."

Starts Bank Account.

"It makes the blood tingle and makes future training for him a pastime rather than a penance, and when he opens a little bank account of his own and feels that he is on the high road to independence, if not wealth, he is thankful to those who took so much interest in his behalf. He shows it more and more by the zeal of his practice. From this time on, a father must look out sharply lest the enthusiastic youngster overtax his strength and grow stale. The boy now is full of steam and moves around as if the world were an easy thing for him. He is a long way from one that has to be driven to split wood or hoe in a potato patch."

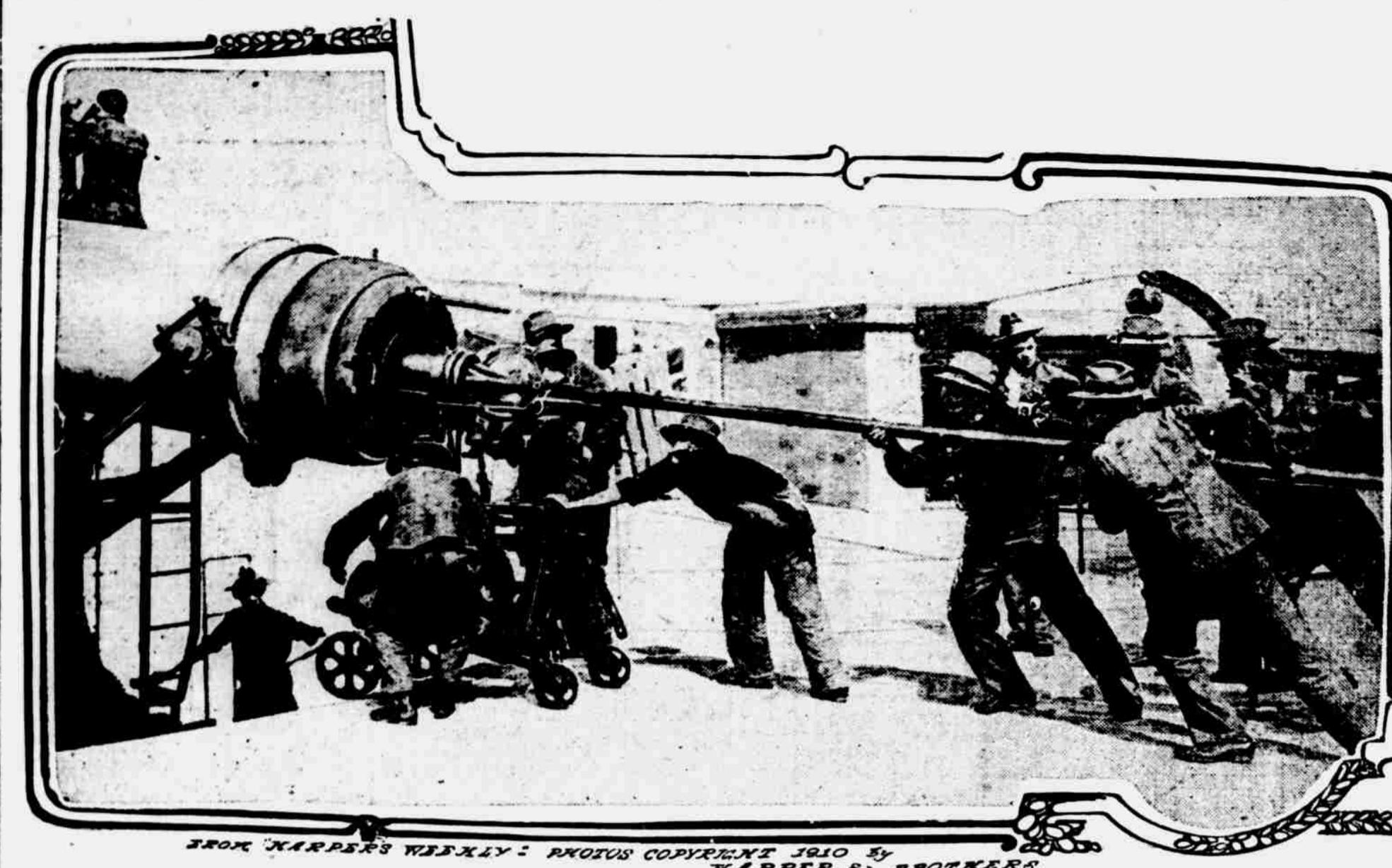
"Of course, boys must study some, but that after all is not the most important thing. Give the boy a good, strong body, and the study will come easily enough later, and he will do his studying better. Two or three hours every morning my lads are busy with their books, and they are always glad to get at them. Their bodies are strong, the flesh on their cheeks is firm and rose, and they never have any sickness."

In the Future.

Passenger—Any danger on this trip, cap?

Captain—Well, there's a pirate balloon above us and a submarine under us, and we're carrying twenty tons of dynamite. Outside of that there's no cause for nervousness. —Baltimore Star.

United States Coast Artillerymen Go To Texas As Infantry



WHEAT PROSPECTS IN COUNTRY GOOD

Winter Has Been Favorable One—Now Is Time for Grape Pruning.

BY WALTER RATLIFF.

At the horticulturist meeting Saturday there was a general discussion of the pruning of the grape, the spraying of fruit trees and the general fruit conditions of this locality.

In the absence of the president, Thomas Ellman presided.

In agriculture, reports indicated that the farmer's prospects were most promising at present. An unusually favorable winter to growing wheat, rye, alfalfa and clover has just passed, and these plants are in excellent condition. Usually the sudden freezes following heavy winter rains "heave out" these growing plants, which often materially lessens the chances for the succeeding crops. At this time, but little "heaved up" plants are found.

There was quite a discussion on the care, propagation and pruning of the grape. Many of the horticulturists as well as other individuals of the county, grow grapes of greater or less quantities, being good judges of this luscious fruit. Although some difference of opinion exists relative to care of vines, yet many unite in the propagation of good varieties. These consist of the black, white and red colored sorts, and singularly enough a black variety, the Warden, is considered best, even exceeding in quality the Concord. The Merrimac is also one of the choice black kinds to grow in this locality.

Of the white kinds, the Niagara and Pocklington should not be omitted, while the Brighton and the Delaware are considered the best red grapes grown in this section of the state.

Bids on Bridge Work.

Bids on the work of reflooring the Doran bridge will be advertised for immediately by Clerk Baltz Bischler.

This will cost about \$500. The sum of \$7,500 was appropriated for reflooring the Doran bridge and painting it and the Main street bridge. All these improvements will be made soon.

The improvement of South West Third street from D to E streets with cement sidewalks on both sides, was taken under advisement by the board until Thursday. A petition was entered in connection with this resolution to build walks on the east side of the street to the National road.

A resolution was confirmed for the construction of a cement alley between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets from South B to South C street. J. H. Schneider applied for the position of care taker of the Tenth street and Seventh street parks. It was taken under advisement.

The city engineer was ordered to prepare plans and resolutions for the construction of a sewer on the Light Plant road. It will be for the benefit of the crematory, Light, Heat and Power company, and Municipal light plant.

Report of City Plant.

Superintendent of the Municipal light plant submitted his February report as follows:

Receipts.

Amount due from city for lighting \$2,004.24

Received from light and power 8,422.47

Received from interest 40.03

Received from coal at crematory 31.88

Received from tape 10

Receipts for February \$10,508.73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Operating Expenses.

Pay roll \$1,163.39

Coal 1,650.89

Repairs 228.59

Miscellaneous 149.65

Office expense 90.20

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Wire \$161.48

Meters 318.36

Sundry equipment 455.80

935.64

Sinking Fund.

Paid into sinking fund Feb 1, 1911 \$660.00

Total disbursements \$5,118.36

Municipal Fund.

Bal on hand Jan. 31 \$22,670.86

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L. H. & P. CO. GIVEN A WARNING

Must Be Careful with Waste Oil—Light Plant Report Is Submitted.

Following two fires in a pond near the Light, Heat and Power company, where waste oil is pumped by that company, the board of works has ordered the Light, Heat and Power to cease dumping oil in the pond or in the Whitewater river. The waste oil question has been raised several times as it is alleged fish are being killed in the river by this pollution.

At the board of works meeting this morning City Attorney Gardner was ordered to confer with the company regarding the oil matter. If necessary the city will enter a damage suit.

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Must Have the Price.

"What is the subscription to the new periodical you have started?"

"Two dollars a year."

"Is it intended for any particular class of readers?"

"Yes, for those who have the two dollars."—Boston Transcript.

CASH VALUE OF A KISS FIXED TO-DAY

Mayor Fines Man \$15 for Embracing a Married Woman Against Will.

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Burden was hit with a tea cup, which was shattered on his head. Burden then jumped out of the back door in time to catch a plate in the chin. As he dashed through the gate a glass of jelly splattered on his temple.

Burden was arrested yesterday and fined \$10 and costs this morning.

Grant Parsons was fined \$25 and costs for drunk and Stephen Dingley \$1 and costs for the same offense. Frank Helmich got \$25 and costs and 30 days for wife beating.

BISHOP MAES IS 65

One of Best Known Churchmen in the U. S.

Covington, Ky., March 13.—Rt. Rev. Camillus P. Maes, for more than twenty-five years bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Covington, celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday anniversary yesterday. The bishop was born in Belgium and received his education in that country. Coming to the United States soon after his ordination in 1868, he served as priest in Detroit for sixteen years before coming bishop of Covington in 1885. Bishop Maes is one of the best known members of the hierarchy in America. He is the permanent president of the Eucharistic Congresses and a member of the