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## THE BIG CIRCUS.

The day broke lovely and fair on the 7th of April, the day of the big show of Nonesuch Bros., and even before daybreak, the trains from all quarters were bringing in crowds of eager and joyous pleasure seekers. Surely the weather was thoroughly in keeping with the events of the day.

The grand parade at 1:30 p. m. was the first notable feature of the circus. A wonderful and glorious introduction of what was to follow. The blare of horns, the bark of dogs, the bellowing of the giraffe mingled with the shouts of the men could be heard long before the anxious and waiting populace could behold the owners of these strange and discordant sounds.

But at last the dignified forms of the Nonesuch Bros. accompanied by his honor Judge O'Gara, were seen, coming down the highway leading their grand and unparalleled parade, and for its grandeur, variety and immensity, it made the far famed exhibitions of P. T. Barnum look like the animal bazaar of the Women's Relief Corps. There were Negroes from Darkest Africa, Hottentots from the islands of the sea, strange beasts from every clime and fat cattle from Albion, men and beasts of every kind all mingled in one grand, glorious panoramic (?) exhibition, and the watching throng was awestruck by the strange and wonderful sights which passed before their vision.

Immediately behind the three leaders came the noted Edgertonian band seated in a large and simply but beautifully decorated band wagon drawn by four spirited and prancing mules, and the braying of these mules mingled with the dulcet notes of the band made a fit beginning for the strange cavalcade which followed.

In immediate proximity to this band came a gayly bedecked chariot drawn by five representatives of the black race, whether this outfit was supposed to represent the noted Ben Hur and his chariot, or Bacchus the God of wine and revelry, we were unable to positively determine, but as the chariot was partly made from an old cask, we supposed it was intended to represent the latter.

Following came the long necked but graceful giraffe, his head held high in the air as though he felt the great dignity and honor of his position in being connected with the noted menagerie of Nonsuch Bros. However, we could not help noting the peculiar shifty and irregular motions of this animal. Possibly the pavements hurt his feet. Then there came certain domesticated animals as in contrast to the untamed giraffe of the jungle, in the form of some fat cattle which had landed the first prize in a certain fat cattle exhibition.

An illustration of some of the strange and wonderful creations of nature was shown in the form of the famous Ki Yi bird, captured in some secluded jungle of the New Hebrides Islands far from the haunts of man. This was indeed

an amazing mixture, bird, beast, and man. Surely Mr. Darwin would be greatly puzzled to know just where to put this strange thing in his theory of the evolution of man.

But no parade would be complete without the presence of an elephant and as the Nonesuchs are up to date showmen, they had spared neither time nor money in securing the largest and best elephant to be had. So great was its size that the rays of the sun were obscured and a sudden gloom filled the place as this gigantic beast lumbered and lurched past. For size and grace this elephant made the historic Jumbo look like a mere shadow but we also noted the same uncertainty in his movements which had characterized the gait of the giraffe. One wondered if these animals were not affected with the locomotor ataxia.

In order that the onlookers might not become fatigued by too much sameness, an automobile (?) followed Jumbo II. which was a wonderful exhibition of the ingenuity and constructiveness of man but like many another automobile it had peculiar propensities for running into the ditch where it finally ignobly ended its career. Then in order of climax came a shy, coy and altogether lovely maiden trundling a wheelbarrow. What moral Mr. Nonesuch wished to teach in associating these two together we could not comprehend and it seemed a sin and shame to think of such a graceful and refined girl to be compelled to perform the ignoble task of wheeling a wheelbarrow.

Then the onlookers beheld a motley array of humans of different nationality and dress all making ineffectual attempts to be funny but which helped to add variety to the scene.

But this was not all. Another section of the menagerie hove in sight with full sail set and the spectators were somewhat in doubt as to what the strange thing was; had it wheels one would at once say it was some peculiar form of an automobile, but as it had legs and peculiar way of dropping its under jaw and describing hyperlotic spirals with its tail, we knew it belong to the animal kingdom, of the species hippopotamii. But alas and alack it too had the same sad locomotory ataxical gait.

Mention must also be made of the mule in the parade, but why it was not hitched up with the other mules and made to do its share in drawing the musicians, we do not know.

But all things must have an end and so the parade finally came to a close in the form of a steam caliope.

Our eyes had feasted on the great and varied wonders of the animal creation; our nostrils had enjoyed the orderiferous odor of the automobile as it lay groaning and puffing in the ditch, and now our ears were to be fascinated by the low and dulcet notes emitted by this steam siren.

These few words but poorly convey to the mind the picture of that cavalcade of wonders, the English language is woefully inadequate to fittingly portray that grand and glorious spectacle which the open-mouthed spectators beheld. But

this parade was only a zephyr which preceded the hurricane which was to follow.

The sensational 105 ft. dive of Signeur De Villim was the next event to claim the attention of the crowd, and this feat was spectacular in the extreme. It was with breathless suspense that the spectators waited for the downward plunge of this daring diver. But so gracefully did he fall that upon striking his head he did not even cause a scratch on his epidermis. Then it was that the crowd began to push and scramble to get within, and the ticket sellers had difficulty keeping the people from throwing their money at them, so eager were they to see more. It reminded one of a scene at a store on the day of a reduction sale on calicos. But at last all succeeded in getting on the inside, where their eyes and ears were deluged with such a medley of strange sights and discordant sounds as to befog the intellect. Here were the trained dogs and Belgian hares, there was the couchant giraffe and lolling hippopotamus. Yonder one beheld the fierce and repulsive wild man, which ever and anon gave forth terrible and hideous bellows, here reclined the snake charmer of India, fondling the most venomous reptiles with impunity. Then one beheld the bearded lady and her husband, the tattooed man in loving embrace. Indeed in this galaxy of spectacles were seen all the strange and wonderful representatives of the freak world, and their different traits and peculiarities were rendered more interesting by the skillful and exceedingly verbose explanations of the announcer. So much for the museum. Within the circus proper were found other equally varied and interesting things. Here were fair women selling their cakes and candies, near by stood the fakir striving to get the money of the unsophisticated and shell games and get rich quick schemes of every kind, were being carried on, until the onlooker became completely befuddled by the pandemonium about him.

The afternoon performance began with a few flowery and fluent remarks by Mr. N. P. Nonesuch, so great was the babble that the reporter could hear but little of the talk. But no doubt his remarks were very well taken. The program was both interesting and instructive, humorous and tragic. But time, space, nor ability will permit of a detailed statement of the many and varied stunts performed by Mr. Nonesuch's company of artists. From the exciting and disastrous auto race to the skillful jugglery of Prof. Tumblesommore there was a list of tricks and performances which would be unequaled in the realm of the circus dome. The bag punching of Henrietta, the Balzac, is worthy of mention, and the concert with songs, instrumental selections, and et cetera was simply fine. Surely this performance from a to izzard was beyond the wildest expectations of the most sanguine, and was well worth

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## ALUMNI.

'72

Mathew S. Lowder is a grain and stock buyer of Dakota City, Iowa.

'76.

Jay D. Stannard is assistant engineer, U. S. geological survey located at Phoenix, Ariz.

'82.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find one dollar for which you will make me a subscriber of the M. A. C. RECORD. We are much pleased with the memorial plan and may be counted upon to do our part. We are looking forward with great pleasure to the alumni meeting of next year, and shall use our every endeavor to meet every living member of the class of '82. Every year as we review the past, we are more and more impressed with the real and true value of the M. A. C. It is not only the father of all industrial schools, but is the peer of any of them. Its graduates may not have reached the most lofty pinnacles of schools, but their average, we believe, is higher than most institutions. The business world is constantly looking for such men as the M. A. C. graduates. A few days ago a very prominent business man of New York remarked to me that he would like to engage twenty-five young Michigan men who are capable, honest, industrious, willing to work, and not looking for a "Job." These positions will lead to rapid advancement, pleasant work, and we believe will soon put a man in easy circumstances. The business is very much in need of honest, industrious, willing-to-work young men. With best wishes to our alma mater, I am,

Yours very truly,

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'93

Roy C. Bristol is a manufacturer of gas and gasoline engines located at Hillsdale.

'95

Joy Heck is an attorney at law of Zeeland, Mich.

'96

George W. Williams is a mechanical engineer with Geo. M. Brill, consulting engineer, of Chicago. His business address is 1134 Marquette Bldg.

'99.

S. L. Ingerson is chemist with Swift & Co. His present address is 615 Rusk st., Ft. Worth, Texas.

'99.

Walter H. Flynn is general foreman of the Jackson shops of the Michigan Central. His address is 105 East avenue north.

'00.

H. B. Gunnison is superintendent of building construction with the Edison Illuminating Co., Detroit.



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## THE BIG CIRCUS.

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the price of admission. Nonesuch Bros. we sincerely hope some time in the future we may again have the extreme pleasure of witnessing your finished and fascinating circus.

The evening's entertainment afforded new features so that those who were in attendance in the afternoon were sure of their money's worth by "coming again." The stands did a thriving business and many coupons were turned in for refreshments, candy, etc. Policemen Armstrong and Hogue were kept busy making arrests and taking their victims before the judges there to receive sentences for grave misdemeanors and "settle" for same.

At 7:30 the manager, Prof. Nonesuch appeared on the stage and made his opening speech in which he assured the people of his appreciation of the large crowd, calling attention to the fact that, while the show was a ten ring show, only two rings and one stage could be used here on account of lack of space. The remainder of the show he stated was showing at Chicago and "other places."

The program opened with some fancy shooting by Wi'd Bill, and it was little less than marvelous how quickly the bottles were broken and how he could shoot all around the darky without hitting him. The latter evidently felt the same way. Heinrich and Stephenson on the "flying trapeeze" did excellent work and the possibilities of handling a lasso was demonstrated by Senor Garcia of Mexico. The work of the performer was a surprise to all. His final and most interesting feat was that of leaping through the rope while it was in motion in the form of a hoop.

Kelley's trained dogs were on the program both morning and evening and were certainly well managed. Their waltzing, jumping the rope and the act of Mrs. Jones and her drunken husband brought forth much favorable comment from all, while the little clown was continually doing the opposite from what he was told.

Prof. De Beau certainly did himself credit on the slack wire 110 ft. (?) above the ground, performing many difficult stunts.

The tumbling quartette including Madame Henrietta did very creditable work and proved a very valuable acquisition to the great show. Messrs. Boomsliter and Smith were well received by the audience in their character sketch. Their song, which follows made a great hit, but their "fire water" taken as a stimulant proved rather disastrous as the hose company called to the rescue, lost control of their machine. For further information on this subject inquire of those on the "front row." The rush was only temporary however and soon all was running smoothly again.

(Tune, "Tammany")

I.  
Down at Lansing, Michigan, there is a college fair.  
The bravest boys, the sweetest maids are in attendance there,  
And when their loyalty they show, 'tis plain as plain can be,  
From senior down to five-year prep., they love old M. A. C.

CHO. They love old M. A. C.  
M. A. C.! M. A. C.! Loyal hearts and brave are we,  
Here is where we love to be,  
M. A. C.! M. A. C.!  
You are loyal; we'll be loyal.  
M. A. C.!

II.  
When the summer days are o'er, and we come back to school,  
You'll hear the senior engineers remark,—  
"Well, now, that's cruel!  
"If thermo were but out the way, how happy I would be;  
"It seems as tho my teacher dear has got it in for me.  
"Has got it in for me."

CHO. Oh, will'e! Oh, will'e! Thermo is so hard for me.  
Porous-plug and entropy.  
Oh, will'e! Oh, will'e! Will'e, let me get thro thermo!  
Oh, Will'e!

III.  
Since the Seniors of '06 don't have to work at all,  
They spend their time in playing pedro in old Abbot Hall,  
And when at last the play is o'er,  
The two who win the game,  
They celebrate their victory by singing this refrain.  
By singing this refrain,

CHO. Oldsmobile, Oldsmobile; first you fill a little tank,  
Then you turn a little crank,  
Oldsmobile, Oldsmobile,  
Choo! choo! choo! choo! choo! choo! choo!  
choo! Oldsmobile!

IV.  
When the term is ended, and the examinations o'er,  
The teachers grab their papers up and lock the office door;  
And when the doors are opened and the marks are handed in,  
The "conned" and "flunked" in voices sad, raise up this awful din,  
Raise up this awful din.

CHO. Faculty! Faculty! Prexy sits in his tepee,  
Sending out the "Fs" and "Ds"  
Faculty! Faculty!  
Con 'em, flunk 'em, get their flunk 'ems  
Faculty!

The fight between the two birds, the ki yi bird and the half-ostrich was exciting to say the least.

The magician in the person of Prof. Keller performed several "unheard of" feats, using for his work, money, cards, watches, eggs etc., also his colored helper with whom he performed the disappearing act.

The French fencer Prof. Parlez vonsneeze with all his reputation and medals was quickly dispatched by the Michigan Prof. Lewis who

seemed very much disgusted with the maneuvers of his opponent before the battle. He seemed perfectly at ease during the fight while the Frenchman was in constant need of air, stimulants and the like.

The part which seemed to come "very near" the students was the laughable farce "love on the firing line." The impersonation was very good and seemed to indicate that those taking part had at one time been very near the above mentioned line.

Summing it all up the circus was, as predicted, a success and every one of the management deserves credit for the manner in which everything passed off. "The M. A. C. band is certainly all right," was an expression often heard during the performances, and the statement is a true one. We do not perhaps appreciate our music as we should, but the college, just the same, is proud of the work accomplished by the band during the past year.

The crowd was larger than that of last year, the number of paid admissions being 400 during the afternoon and 500 for the evening. The total receipts were \$353.03 and expenses are estimated at \$125. The net receipts will therefore amount to about \$50 more than those of last year.

The greatest expense was for supplies for the two booths. In one booth about 250 pounds of home made candy was sold, while the one serving refreshments did a equally large business.

These results look good and now we can plan for the big meet on June 1 and 2 with assurance that it will be the most successful ever.

## Y. M. C. A.

Thursday evening prayer meeting was led by O. K. White. The necessity of high aims in life was emphasized by the leader. Mr. Webber gave a few remarks regarding the present good interest shown in the Y. M. C. A. and asked that it be kept up during the spring term. Prof. Smith addressed the union meeting, Sunday evening.

Six of the Y. M. C. A. men spent a very profitable and enjoyable four days of the vacation holding evangelistic meetings at Blissfield, under the leadership of Mr. Hurst the new Lenawee County Sec'y and Mr. Rowe the former Sec'y.

Those from M. A. C. were E. I. Wilcox; E. A. Towne, J. E. Wilkinson and Mr. J. E. Webber as the quartet and Mr. G. Cavanagh and Mr. L. B. McWethy. This was a new experience to most of the men but they felt more than repaid for their efforts and sacrifice by the pleasure and benefit they received.

The meetings were held for four nights, besides the Sunday morning services in all the various churches which were conducted by the M. A. C. men. At the evening services two spoke at each meeting, so all had an opportunity of appearing before the people.

The people of Blissfield were very cordial and did their best in entertaining the men during their short stay, and their kind hospitality will not soon be forgotten and if any of the men should ever return to Blissfield they would be sure of a hearty welcome.

Only two things happened which in any way marred the pleasure of

the occasion. One was the inability of the quartet to get the key upon one occasion, the other was the loss of Mr. Wilkinson's suit case, but it is to be hoped that this will be found.

Whether or not the people of Blissfield received any good from the visit of the M. A. C. men, it is certain that those who went to Blissfield received much good and will not soon forget their pleasant and profitable experience.

## ATHLETICS.

Base ball practice continues and the squad has been sifted down from 70 to 30. Of those whose positions are practically assured are Boyle, catcher, Armstrong and Canfield, infielders, and Nies, pitcher, all of last year's team. Of new men who have shown up well are Achers as pitcher. First base lies between Harrison, A. Kratz and L. B. Hitchcock. Third base is as yet an unknown quantity. For outfield work there are 25 candidates out of which number it is expected to select three good men.

Olivet comes here Saturday for a practice game, the opening of the season. Olivet is considered one of the most dangerous of our opponents for the championship and while this is not a cup game it will be no less interesting. A line can be gotten on our available material by the end of the week.

The class in botany 1 are this term studying the trees and shrubs on the campus and the plants in the botanic garden, and will illustrate by growing some specimens which are studied. The class at present are studying the evergreens with special reference to the selection and use of these in landscape gardening which is taught by the horticulture department.

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Thos. F. McGraph is general corporation inspector for the city of Chicago. His business address is Room 221, City Hall.

'02.

A bulletin on the Soil Survey of the Munising Area has just been issued by the Department of Agriculture. The bulletin gives the result of work done by W. J. Geib, of the above class and Mr. T. D. Rice. Besides a large map showing location of the various soils of that locality, the bulletin contains information concerning the general agricultural conditions, crops grown, and markets.

'02.

A. E. Kocker is for the present at Henderson, Texas, in the employ of the Bureau of Soils. After May 1st he will be at Washington, D. C. Mr. K. sends best wishes for continued prosperity of the college and its paper.

'05.

Ethel Adams who has been employed as teacher of domestic science in the school for the blind has accepted a similar position in the Detroit public schools. Miss Adams called on college friends Saturday.

'05.

A card from J. E. Schafer announces the change of his address from Whitesville, N. J., to Garland, Utah. Mr. S. is still in horticultural work.



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## ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

Any further suggestions?

Now will you be good Jennie?

Mrs. Myers is receiving a visit from her parents.

Note the prizes for economic essays in this issue of the RECORD.

K. B. and C. A. Lemmon, '08, have again taken up their work in College.

The State Board meets in the College board rooms Thursday of this week.

The first ball game of the season will be played Saturday, April 14, with Olivet.

All thoughts of spring poems vanished during the snow storm last Thursday.

Plan to attend the M. A. C.-Ypsi debate. Ypsi is confident of winning. So is M. A. C.

Roy Cavanagh has been obliged to drop out of College for a time on account of weak eyes. He will be at McBain.

Thursday at noon bids on the construction of the new mechanical building close.

Battle Creek has a Nature Club of 50 members, ranging in age from eight to eighty years.

About 75 varieties of apples are now being grafted with standard varieties of excellence.

Prof. Bogue is now conducting the class in forest tree propagation in place of Mr. Gunson who has had charge of the work up to this time.

A. W. Hill, a former short course student, spent Saturday and Sunday with college friends.

Mr. Newman received a visit from his sister and other Portland friends Saturday and Sunday.

E. S. Bartlett, '08, did not return this spring. He will probably shear sheep in the west again this year.

Copy for the new catalog has all been sent to the printer. It is expected to have these ready in May.

The new poultry plant has been staked out and the work will be carried forward as rapidly as possible.

Prof. W. M. Liggett, dean of the college of agriculture in Minnesota, with his wife, is visiting the College today.

The clowns were very funny and aided, by their jokes and readings, materially in making the big show a success.

Lost—near Williams Hall, a detail pen from a set of drawing instruments. Finder please return to ye editor's desk.

M. C. Hutchins, of Bancroft, has returned for the work this spring. He has been employed at the Reo the past year.

The subject of botany 13, elective for women seniors, is taught this term for the first. Miss Bach has charge of the work.

The college minstrels were well received at Baird's on Thursday evening. Quite a number of the college people attended and report a fine time.

All of the college orchards and part of the ornamental trees have been sprayed with lime sulphate for the San Jose scale.

Alfred R. Kohler elected to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Craig has taken up his duties in the Hort. Department.

On Friday of last week the forestry juniors visited a wood lot west of the beet sugar factory in the city belonging to Mr. Stockman.

The sophomores in vegetable gardening will have one and one-half acres of land which they will plan, plant and care for as a garden.

The copy for the last half of the catalog is in the hands of the printer. Rather late now to add anything, altho' minor changes may be made on first proof.

Hiram and wife, also their big boy, came to town to see the big show Saturday and stood up against the big bill board to have their "picture took."

Dick Fowler, '05, sends in his subscription and adds a postscript—"The memorial project certainly appeals to me and I shall count it a privilege to help."

O. I. Gregg is getting some interesting results from his experiments in cross-pollination of tomatoes. An entire bench in the green house is devoted to the experiment.

Word comes to the College that a daughter of Mr. Wallace, member of the state board, died one day the past week of appendicitis. The

young lady was a student in the Monroe schools, but further than this no details concerning her death have been learned.

Pres. Snyder attended the Chicago alumni meeting Saturday evening and reports a fine time and the largest number present in the history of the association. A full account will be given later.

The sophomore women who have hitherto taken plant propagation and vegetable gardening with the men students are this term in a separate class and now will spend half the time in lecture and half in laboratory.

The summer Engineering course will be given again this year, and circulars announcing same will soon be ready for distribution. It is planned to lessen the cost somewhat this year. The course will include much the same work as given last year. If you have friends who might be interested in a course of this kind and will leave names with addresses at President Snyder's office, bulletins will be mailed them.

The Adams bill, passed by the recent congress, gives each agricultural experiment station \$15,000 for strictly original research work. This starts with \$5,000 to be expended before July 1 of this year, and \$2,000 additional each succeeding year until the fund reaches the \$15,000 limit. Certain restrictions are placed on the expenditure of these funds. None of it can be spent for executive salaries, equipment or travel, except that which is intimately associated with the research work.



## PRIZES FOR ECONOMIC ES- SAYS—THIRD YEAR.

In order to arouse an interest in the study of topics relating to commerce and industry, and to stimulate an examination of the value of college training for business men, a committee composed of Prof. J. Laurence Laughlin, University of Chicago, chairman; Prof. J. B. Clark, Columbia University; Prof. Henry C. Adams, University of Michigan; Horace White, Esq., New York City, and Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Clark College, have been enabled through the generosity of Messrs. Hart, Schaffner and Marx, of Chicago, to offer again in 1907 four prizes for the best studies on any one of the following subjects:

1. The practical wisdom of freeing raw materials, essential to subsequent manufactures, from customs duties when entering the United States.
2. The best methods of obtaining an elastic currency in times of panic.
3. To what extent, and in what form, are socialistic tenets held in the United States.
4. In what respect, and to what extent, have combinations among American railways limited or modified the influence of competition?
5. The best methods of avoiding resort to force by labor unions in their contests with employers.
6. The effect of "trusts" upon the prices of goods produced by them.
7. How far does the earning power of skill obtain under a regime of trade unions?
8. A critical study of modern commercial methods for distributing products to consumers.
9. The development of economic theory since John Stuart Mill.

A first prize of one thousand dollars, and a second prize of five hundred dollars, in cash are offered for the best studies presented by Class A, composed exclusively of all persons who have received the bachelor's degree from an American college in 1895, or thereafter; and a first prize of three hundred dollars, and a second prize of one hundred and fifty dollars, in cash are offered for the best studies presented by Class B, composed of persons who, at the time the papers are sent in, are undergraduates of any American college. No one in Class A may compete in class B; but any one in Class B may compete in Class A. The committee reserves to itself the right to award the two prizes of \$1,000 and \$500 to undergraduates, if the merits of the papers demand it.

The ownership of the copyright of successful studies will vest in the donors, and it is expected that without precluding the use of these papers as theses for higher degrees, they will cause them to be issued in some permanent form.

Competitors are advised that the studies should be thorough, expressed in good English, and, although not limited as to length, they should not be needlessly expanded. They should be inscribed with an assumed name, the year when the bachelor's degree was, or is likely to be received, and accompanied by a sealed envelope giving the real name and address of the competitor, and the institution which conferred the degree, or in which he is studying. The papers should be sent on or before June 1, 1907, to J.

Laurence Laughlin, Esq., University of Chicago, box 145, Faculty Exchange, Chicago, Illinois.

## STOCK IMPROVEMENT.

No man ought to be content to stay on a dead level of intelligence nor should he be satisfied with ordinary crops and stock. A desire to improve himself and his crops and stock will of itself lead to an improvement of his mind. With the development of intellect comes a fuller appreciation of life.

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